

Prospects rise for early Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting

Kremlin takes UK missiles off pact list

● The Kremlin announced that all its latest proposals for a separate weapons pact are not contingent on freezing French and British nuclear forces

● The US will shortly put forward a draft treaty for removing all the superpowers' nuclear missiles from Europe in five years

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Prospects for an early deal between the superpowers to remove all their medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe improved greatly yesterday when the Kremlin announced that its latest proposals for a separate pact on the question were no longer contingent on the freezing of the British and French nuclear forces.

The announcement, seen by observers here as a considerable boost for the arms control stand of Mrs Thatcher's Government, was made by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Chief of Staff, at a special press conference staged by the Foreign Ministry to coincide with the formal tabling of Mr

Michael Gorbachev's new initiative in Geneva.

At the same time, the Soviet authorities confirmed that diplomatic contacts were under way with Washington to arrange a date for an official visit to Moscow by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, for talks with his counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze. They last met in Vienna in November.

Alexander Bessmertnikh, the deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, dismissed speculation about a possible new superpower summit as "premature" but was careful not to rule the possibility of such a Reagan-Gorbachev meeting out of court.

Although Marshal Akhromeyev said that London and Paris would eventually be called on to enter the global disarmament process, he stressed that Moscow was not now demanding that their arsenals be involved in the medium-range missile accord which the Soviet Union hopes can be agreed with the US inside the next six months.

Referring to the time when Britain and France would be called upon to enter the

nuclear disarmament equation, he said: "It is hard to say at what stage this will happen."

Dealing with the alleged superiority which any medium-range missile pact would leave to Soviet conventional forces in Europe, Marshal Akhromeyev denied that such an imbalance existed, and called on the West to respond to Soviet proposals for sweeping cuts in the armies of both sides made in June last year.

● WASHINGTON: The White House yesterday welcomed Mr Gorbachev's statement on medium-range missiles as a "positive development", and said the US had long believed that progress in one area of negotiations should not be dependent on progress in other areas (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr Martin Fitzwater, the spokesman, said the US remained ready for progress in all areas at the nuclear and space arms negotiations in Geneva.

"We intend to table specific treaty language on intermediate nuclear forces in the near future," he said.

Officials here say that autumn would be the earliest time by which it would be possible to reach agreement on a treaty.

In answer to European worries on the conventional force imbalance in Europe, one senior official said yesterday that the US had never drawn a link between conventional forces and INF.

He said the Russians may have decided it was now in their interest to move forward. But they were "dead wrong" if they thought the President was paralysed and that they could take advantage of this.

Better No 10 hot line likely

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

An improved and more secure "hot line" between Downing Street and the Kremlin is expected to be agreed by the Prime Minister and Mr Gorbachev during their talks in Moscow at the end of the month.

As it was underlined in Whitehall that the Prime Minister regards the latest arms control proposals of Mr Gorbachev as an important step forward, it was disclosed that a better instant communication link between the two leaders is among the items on the draft agenda for the discussions put forward by the Russian side.

The development seems certain to be seen as another attempt by the Russians to upgrade the role of Britain in East-West disarmament negotiations.

If the two leaders agree the existing telephone link will be made safer and possibly backed up, like the White House-Kremlin hot line in 1984, by high-speed satellite-linked "fax" facilities to be used for the sending of charts, maps, documents and photographs.

The apparent willingness of the Soviet Union to allow the Moscow talks to result in a diplomatic triumph for Mrs Thatcher was being remarked upon by politicians of all parties at Westminster yesterday.

That impression was enhanced by a radio interview given by Mr Gordon Maclean, general secretary of the Communist Party, in which he said that Mr Gorbachev would be prepared to negotiate separately with Mrs Thatcher over a nuclear test ban.

Ministers believe that the new offer from Mr Gorbachev, which could mean the removal of American cruise missiles from British and other Western European sites has handed Mrs Thatcher considerable potential electoral benefits.

It was said she believes any deal must be properly verified and something must be done to correct the big imbalance in conventional forces.

The Russians have also proposed that the Thatcher-Gorbachev talks should cover the expansion of trade



Marshal Akhromeyev announcing that the proposals do not rely on the freezing of British and French nuclear forces.

Rebuff by Hurd for Nazi team

By Howard Foster

A team of international Nazi hunters received a rebuff from the Home Secretary yesterday after they arrived in Britain to discuss a list of 17 war criminals supposedly living free in this country.

The delegation from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles saw Mr Douglas Hurd in the hope that six of the 17 known to be still alive might be brought to justice.

While the Simon Wiesenthal group spoke of the possibility of extradition to Israel for the "refugees", Mr Hurd pointed to the apparent lack of hard evidence to build a prima facie case against the supposed residents.

Mr Hurd, flanked by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, told a press conference after the meeting: "There isn't much there. What we have is names and documentary references against certain names. I have asked the Simon Wiesenthal Centre to deepen their investigation."

He said that major changes would be required to extradite any supposed war criminal. "Parliament would need a good deal of persuading before changing the law on fundamentals in this matter."

He said that the Government was pursuing the hunt and verification by checking immigration files about the circumstances of people coming to Britain.

It was looking at the sketchy references supplied by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and was trying to establish how many of those individuals named were still alive.

At a second press conference hosted by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Rabbi Marvin Hier told journalists that he understood Mr Hurd to say that further machinery would be carefully considered.

After further questioning he agreed that "the meeting was not constructive. We needed some constructive elements in his remarks."

"We know the information is sketchy. We know it was not enough to bring a person before court proceedings."

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Militias in fear of the Syrians

From Robert Fisk
West Beirut

For the militiamen of west Beirut, the arrival of Syrian troops in the city is turning into a nightmare. Syrian "Muhabarrat" agents have already seized and spirited away dozens of Druze and Shia Muslims associated with militia organizations in the city.

At the same time, there is growing evidence that the Syrians who killed 23 Hezbollah (Party of God) members in west Beirut last week shot their victims in cold blood, apparently after breaking into an apartment. Photographs of victims - published in the Hezbollah newspaper *al-Jihad* - show that at least two of

them had been slashed in the face with knives or bayonets, while one corpse had its hands tied behind its back.

Former militiamen in Beirut say that the Syrians are taking their prisoners to the Syrian Army's military intelligence centre at Aamjar in eastern Lebanon.

The Druze "Progressive Socialist Party" has reportedly given the Syrians a list of their members who have disappeared in the past week, together with a request for information about their whereabouts.

The Syrians said that they shot the 23 Hezbollah last week after coming under fire near the Hezbollah militia office in Basta, which they were about to take over. The Hezbollah account, which is supported by local people - by no means all of whom are supporters of the movement - says that the Syrians took over the offices and then broke into an apartment, where they found a large group of Muslim militiamen and five girls.

The Syrians, according to the same sources, lined the men and women up against a wall and shot them.

But to the Lebanese who were bereaved or had their homes looted by hooded gunmen last month, the fate of the missing Druze militiamen - whom they blame for their suffering - is cause for little concern.

Teachers threaten trouble as Baker imposes pay deal

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Teachers and education authorities in England and Wales reacted angrily to yesterday's expected announcement by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, that the Government is to impose a settlement in the two-year pay dispute.

Although they said they would abide by the law, teachers' unions and the Labour-controlled authorities made clear that they would do so without enthusiasm or goodwill.

"Guerrilla" action is most likely to break out in areas where branches of the two biggest unions are most militant and where left-wing authorities are most reluctant to undertake what they see as the Government's dirty work.

The three main unions are already hallooming members on their willingness to strike and take other disruptive action.

The National Union of Teachers said Mr Baker's announcement would increase its members' resolve to vote yes. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said Mr Baker had sacrificed the right to call on teachers' goodwill.

Mrs Josie Farrington, for the local authority employers, said: "We don't condone disruption but it is likely to follow this arrogant imposition."

A colleague, Mr John Pearman, said it was the "blackest day ever" for education authorities.

However, the deal was largely welcomed by the two associations which represent the majority of head teachers.

The National Association of Head Teachers said its terms were "not unreasonable" and

that it provided schools with a decent management structure. The Secondary Heads Association said it hoped teachers would "give it a chance to work".

The package Mr Baker announced in the Commons represents a better pay deal for most teachers than his earlier proposals, although it will cost the same £608 million over 15 months from January 1.

It marries the promotional structure he has insisted on with a contract that is mostly the same as the one that teachers and employers had already agreed between them.

From October 1, teachers will be on an 11-point basic scale running from £7,600 to £13,300, which is £600 more than originally proposed.

In addition, 41 per cent of classroom teachers will receive one of five "incentive"

allowances worth £500, £1,000, £2,000, £3,000 or £4,200, which is between £400 and £600 less than originally proposed.

But the allowances will be paid to 165,000 teachers instead of the 140,000 originally proposed. A good honours graduate will start on £8,500 and reach £10,000 in the third year of teaching.

Heads' salaries will run from £15,500 to £30,500. Teachers can expect the extra money in their pay packets by the end of May.

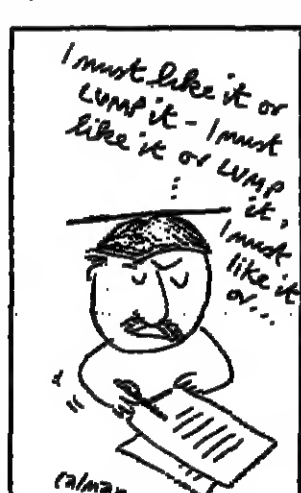
The second half of the 16.4 per cent rise will be paid on October 1.

The most controversial change in the conditions of service is that teachers will normally be required to take classes for absent colleagues for the first three days of absence. The unions wanted to limit it to a single day.

The rest of the contract demands no more than that which most conscientious teachers have always done. The difference is that teachers who do not are liable to have pay docked.

Details of the contract and pay scales are contained in a brochure being sent last night to the head teachers of all 25,000 primary and secondary schools in England and Wales.

In a foreword, Mr Baker invites teachers, education authorities and school governors to comment by March 23.



Greyhound protest

The governing body of greyhound racing in Britain today demanded that the Government establish an investigation into a possible takeover of the sport by leading bookmakers.

In a letter to *The Times*, the National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC) says it is a disgrace that the main book-

making groups have been allowed to dominate a satellite television system to beam horse and dog racing to betting shops later this year.

It also claims that a group of bookmaking interests are planning to take over the NGRC's role as the governing body of afternoon greyhound racing. Letters, page 13

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1,000 jobs planned for Wales

A total of 1,000 new jobs in Wales and the building of factory space for 7,500 more have been announced.

The jobs include 800 at an unemployment "blackspot", Merthyr Tydfil, where the Avana baking group is to open a £28 million manufacturing complex. Page 2

Actress dies

The actress Joan Greenwood, star of films such as *Kind Hearts and Coronets* in 1949 and *Whisky Galore* in 1948, has been found dead at her London home five days before her 66th birthday. Obituary, page 14

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Pound surges

The pound surged on foreign exchange markets, rising nearly two cents to \$1.5633 and taking the trade-weighted index to 70.8, its highest point since last September. Page 19

Brazil setback

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, told the Brazilian finance minister that Brazil's suspension of interest payments on commercial bank debts was a matter for the banks, not for intervention by the governments of creditor countries. Page 19

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Bath away

Bath, holders of the John Player Special Cup, have been drawn away to Orrell, considered the strongest remaining team, in the semi-final of the rugby competition. Page 35

Portfolio

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Delayed British welcome

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

After a 36-hour delay the British Government yesterday welcomed Mr Gorbachev's proposal to drop the main barrier against an East-West deal on medium-range nuclear missiles. Such a deal would transform for the better the whole atmosphere," it said.

Britain's response came long after other Western countries, reflecting anxiety over the failure of the Soviet leader's statement to mention whether the British and French deterrents would be taken into account.

It was only after clarification from the Soviet Foreign

Ministry that Polaris, Trident and the "Force de Frappe" would not be affected that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, gave his approval.

He offered three reasons for welcoming Mr Gorbachev's suggestion that such a deal should be singled out from other arms control issues and concluded without delay.

Firstly, the Soviet leader had in effect accepted a proposal first made by the West six years ago. This showed that the West's decision in 1983 to deploy cruise and Pershing 2 missiles was justified.

Sir Geoffrey implicitly made the point that by negotiating from strength the West

had persuaded Moscow to accept its original suggestion.

Secondly, Sir Geoffrey welcomed Gorbachev's decision no longer to hold hostage such a deal to America's "Star Wars" programme. At the Reykjavik summit last October he took an all or nothing line.

Finally Sir Geoffrey said it appeared that Britain's long insistence that the British and French deterrents be left out of the reckoning had been justified.

He emphasized that any deal must include adequate verification and arrangements to cut two categories of shorter-range missiles

Challenge faces new US chief

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr Howard Baker took over yesterday as White House Chief of Staff, and immediately faced two challenges: the call by President Reagan's friends for a public apology to the nation over Iran, and the growing likelihood that Mr Robert Gates will withdraw as the President's nominee to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

According to the *Washington Post*, the 43-year old deputy director of the CIA has already decided that the Senate is unlikely to confirm him as director because of his role in the Iran arms affair.

Mr Gates met Mr Baker yesterday morning for 30 minutes at his own request, after the White House said the withdrawal of his nomination "is a matter for Mr Gates to decide". The White House said President Reagan stood behind the nomination.

However, Republican leaders have voiced growing concern over his appointment, believing the confirmation hearings will focus renewed attention of the Iran affair at a time when the administration is looking for a fresh start.

Baker's mission, page 7

Saunders may be sued over £5m payment

The Guinness brewing company has accused Mr Ernest Saunders, its former chairman and chief executive, of breaching his duty to the company by authorising a £5.2 million payment to a Jersey front company, Guinness may sue Mr Saunders personally if it cannot recover the money.

Documents filed in Jersey's Royal court say that Mr Saunders and Mr Thomas Ward - another Guinness director - instructed Mr Oliver Routh, the former finance director to make the payment.

The court documents say

that an undated invoice for £5.2 million stating that the payment relates to advice in connection with the takeover of Disillers conceals the true nature of the payment.

Guinness has obtained an injunction in Jersey freezing the front company's bank account with National Westminster bank and ordering the bank to supply Guinness with full details of any payments from the account. Last night National Westminster said that it would be complying with the injunction.

Ex-chief accused, page 19

£1m dispute over green-haired punk

By Craig Seton

A dispute over a punk with a bright green "Mohican" haircut cost Austin Rover more than £1 million in lost production yesterday.

Production of the Rover 200 was halted at the Longbridge plant in Birmingham when 180 trim shop workers went on unofficial strike in support of Mr Darren Kelly, aged 19, who was for "appealing" absenteeism.

Austin Rover said that Mr Kelly, who also has a tattoo on his shaven scalp, was dismissed two weeks ago for failing to turn up for 51 shifts

since last April. 31 of them without explanation or a medical certificate.

Yesterday's strike cost production of about 300 cars with a showroom value of more than £1 million.

Mr Kelly was ordered by shop stewards not to discuss his dismissal but Mrs Kathleen Kelly, his mother, said at their home in Northfield, Birmingham: "They have got it in for him because he is a punk."

Mr James Kelly, aged 50, his father, who was made redundant two years ago, said: "He is a good lad. He was off

so often because of a cold on his chest and then he hurt his toe on his scooter."

Austin Rover said last night: "Darren's record was pretty appalling. He was warned that he would be sacked because of his absenteeism but two days later he was absent again. He will not be re-instated. His dismissal has nothing to do with his appearance."

The striking workers are expected to be recommended to return to work at a mass meeting organized by the works committee this morning.



Mr Kelly, whose dismissal led to an unofficial strike

Schools pay deal dangerous gamble, says Labour

The Government's pay and conditions package for teachers was outlined to MPs by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in a statement to the Commons. The Opposition described the imposition of a settlement in the long-standing teachers' dispute as a "dangerous gamble" that might lead to further disruption in schools.

Mr Baker said: The Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act has now received Royal Assent. The Government wants school teachers to receive an average increase of 16.4 per cent, half with effect from January 1 1987 and half on October 1 1987.

I am today sending a draft order for this purpose to those I am required to consult under the Act seeking their comments. The order covers the January 1 pay increase and sets out the conditions which will become part of school teachers' contracts of employment.

I have considered carefully the responses to the proposals for teachers' pay and conditions which I set out in October and to those which emerged from the Acas (Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service) discussions. I have also taken into account the settlement in Scotland, and I am now bringing forward revised proposals to apply in full from October 1.

The main features are:

- First, the top of the basic salary scale will increase from £12,700 to £13,300, which is £600 higher than the figure in my October proposals.
- Secondly, there will be five levels of incentive allowances ranging from £500 to £4,200.
- Thirdly, the 105,000 teachers on scales three and four and the senior teachers' scales will receive allowances of £1,000, £3,000 and £4,200 respectively.
- Fourthly, there will be scope for 25,000 new promotions in October 1987 with an increase in the number of teachers qualifying for an allowance to about 165,000 in 1990 - this

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have created difficulties for many local authorities. We have therefore decided that teachers should not normally be required to provide cover after a colleague has been absent for three consecutive days, nor to provide cover in the case of planned absences of more than three consecutive days.

The question of cover will be among the matters to be taken into consideration in the consultations I shall shortly be initiating about the number of school teachers needed and how their time can be used to best advantage.

I am asking for responses to my consultative letter by Monday March 23 at the latest. Ministers or my officials will be willing to meet with those who are being consulted.

I regard it as essential for these discussions to be completed before the end of this month. We can then lay the order before the Easter recess so that teachers will receive their back pay without delay.

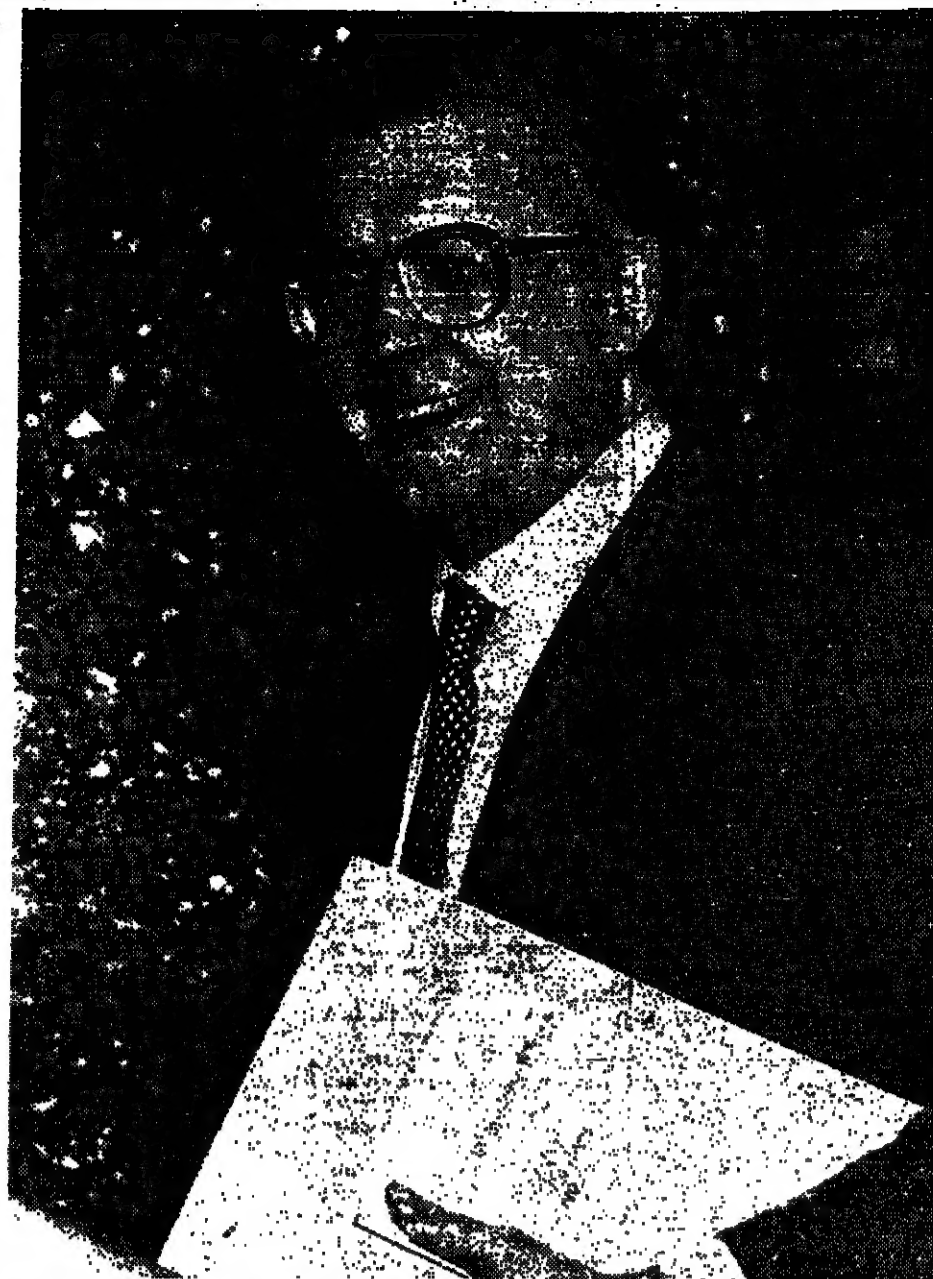
I wish to confirm that the Government proposes to increase education GRES (grant-related expenditure) in England and Wales by £1.8 billion for 1986-87 and £490 million for 1987-88, with an increase in block grant to local authorities of £36 million and £200 million for those years.

On that basis the local authority associations already ready to accept information about the likely change in individual GRES and block grant entitlements. Formal consultations will be started shortly.

These proposals will improve the career prospects of teachers and give local management new scope to raise the quality of education.

Teachers are being given a substantial pay increase combined with a clear definition of their responsibilities, and that parents will expect teachers to respond by giving their commitment to uninterrupted and effective education.

PARLIAMENT



Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State, arriving at the Department of Education and Science in London yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).

Settlement is fair to everyone, Baker tells the Commons

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, questioned Mr Baker on his statement, asked: Does he think his statement represents a genuine attempt to settle a dangerous dispute or is it yet another round in the Government's war against teachers? (Conservative protest).

I welcome the fact that he has modified the proposals he announced in November and has at last recognized the need to offer all classroom teachers an improved basic salary scale.

His rejection of the Acas agreement, freely agreed between employers and teachers, his legislation to remove teachers' bargaining rights and his decision to impose a settlement on the teachers, have left the prospect of lasting peace in our schools still uncertain.

By imposing a settlement, the Government is embarking on a dangerous gamble and I regret very much that it could lead to further disruption in our schools.

Mr Baker: I am imposing a pay increase which will mean an average rise of 25 per cent over 18 months (Conservative cheer). I do not agree that it is a constitutional outrage. I have tried very hard to find a way through in the past three months. Yes, it is a genuine attempt.

I have moved closer to the union position and regret that the teacher unions have not moved at all towards the Government position.

It is not I who can cause disruption in our schools. Only the leaders of the teacher unions can seek to take out their grievances on children in this way.

Despite the antics of the cold-war warriors of the two main teacher unions, I do not believe that the hearts of the teachers will be in further disruption.

This settlement is fair to teachers, parents, ratepayers



Mr Giles Radice: Another round in the war.

and, most of all, to the children. Many teachers who have taken action over recent years have done so with a heavy heart, and with the better pay and prospects this provides, they will want to get on with their jobs in peace.

two, who will be able to benefit from the incentive posts.

I am one of those who believe that good news travels by itself, but I will help it on its way.

I shall write to all head teachers setting out my proposals and enclosing a booklet setting them out. They are very complicated and on Wednesday I shall take time to explain the proposals to set out the proposals so that everybody in the country will be able to see their advantages.

Mr Alan Haseldine (Staffordshire, C) said that many teachers were worried that too many rewards were going to teachers promoted out of the classroom and away from the art of teaching. He asked for confirmation that the proposals would provide ample rewards for the good teacher who wished to remain in the classroom.

Mr Baker said that he could confirm that. The incentives in the five allowances announced would go for additional responsibilities, shortage skills, recruitment to posts that were difficult to fill and classroom performance.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that while there was some movement towards the union position, anger would remain until negotiating rights were fully restored. Teachers also remained concerned at the pupil-teacher ratio in many areas as well as availability of equipment and the fabric of schools.

Mr Baker said that in 1979 the pupil-teacher ratio had been 18.9:1. It was now 17.6:1 and by 1990 it was planned it should be 17:1. These were historically low figures and showed the Government's commitment to providing resources.

In the negotiations last week the union representatives had said they would set responsibly. He hoped the first token of their

Nuclear power 'safe as an office'

HOUSE OF LORDS

Working in a nuclear power station is as safe as working in a solicitor's office, Lord Wyatt of Westport (Ind) said in his maiden speech during the debate on the inspector's report on building a pressurized water reactor at Sizewell, Suffolk.

Opening his speech, the former Mr Woodrow Wyatt said that this was his first maiden speech in the Chamber for 42 years. When he first spoke as a Labour MP the Lords had kindly lent the Commons their chamber after bomb damage to "the other place".

Viccount Davies, opening the debate for the Government, said: "There is one thing that virtually all forecasts of energy demand have in common, and that has been that they have to be wrong. It is a striking fact that this has, in most cases, been due to under-estimation."

Lord Bruce of Donington, for Labour, said that we were all life tenants on the face of the Earth and asked if it was justified, on the information available, to take decisions which might be felt, endured or suffered by our children and grandchildren.

Lord Ezra, the former chairman of the National Coal Board, speaking for the Alliance, compared the costs of electricity generated from nuclear power and from coal. Since coal prices had fallen considerably since the inquiry, he argued that Sizewell could produce electricity at 2.85 pence a kilowatt hour.

'Secure' arms in police cars

THE THREE PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES

The three provincial police forces that are operating a system of armed response cars are Nottinghamshire, West Yorkshire and Hampshire, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written reply.

Each car, he said, is manned by two qualified firearms officers. At any one time, three are deployed in Nottinghamshire and two in the other two force areas.

The Nottinghamshire and West Yorkshire cars each carry two Smith and Wesson model 10 revolvers and one Remington shotgun, while the Hampshire cars carry two Smith and Wesson revolvers.

All weapons are secured in locked boxes, which may only be opened on the specific authority of a senior officer. The boxes were opened twice in Nottinghamshire and 12 times in Hampshire in 1986: shots had been fired in one Nottinghamshire operation and in none in Hampshire. No one had been killed or injured. The West Yorkshire force does not record its use separately from other armed operations.

Animal time for minister

Scientists have infected seven different types of mosquito with Aids, but none has proved capable of carrying the virus, Baroness Trumpington, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, told peers during question time.

Viscount Torrington (C), who had asked if blood-sucking insects could transmit Aids, pointed out the similarity between a mosquito's proboscis and a hypodermic syringe.

Baroness Trumpington said that because of the very small amount of blood involved in an insect bite it seemed very unlikely that Aids could be passed on in that way. She added that it was also highly unlikely for a bat to transmit the virus because, although bats can contract rabies, they could not contract Aids.

Baroness Masham of Ilton (Ind) wondered if, since Aids had been found in cats in the United States, there was any possibility of its being passed on by dogs. To roars of laughter, Lady Trumpington replied: "I have questions on bedbugs and mosquitoes but I regret I have not got fleas."

Unionists are criticized

It was rather strange that the Unionist parties in Northern Ireland could still claim financial assistance for opposition parties despite the fact that all their MPs, apart from Mr Enoch Powell, were not taking part in parliamentary business, Mr Peter Braine (Leicester East, C) said in the Commons.

During questions to the Lord Privy Seal, he said that they might be using that financial assistance in their campaign against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr John Biffen pointed out that those parties claiming assistance were required to certify that the assistance was being used for the purpose of reimbursing them for expenses incurred in relation to their parliamentary business. Earlier, he had said that there was likely to be a review of the arrangements governing financial assistance to opposition parties this year or next.

More A-level successes

The A-level success rate in Wales was improving and Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, had got it wrong when he suggested that attainment levels were falling, Mr Wyn Roberts, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons question time.

Mr Keith Raffan (Delyn, C) had asked whether Mr Jones was right in talking of a decline in A-level results in Wales between 1981 and 1985. Mr Roberts said that Mr Jones was wrong. The truth was that in 1985, 57 per cent of those taking three A-levels had been successful, whereas in 1983 the figure had risen to 62 per cent.

27,000 enter YTS training

In Wales, more than 27,000 young people had joined the Youth Training Scheme since April 1986 and 185 organizations had applied for approved training organization status, Mr Wyn Roberts, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons question time.

Mr Roberts said that 58 per cent of YTS leavers in the first five months of 1986-87 went into jobs compared with 52 per cent in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Bus owners

There are 1,727 independent bus operators now running registered local bus services, Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said in a Commons written reply.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received the Royal Assent: Teachers' Pay and Conditions; Licensing (Restaurant Meals); Plymouth City Council; Port of Fowey; Brighton Marine; Police and Criminal Evidence; and Mid Glamorgan County Council.

Wales has reached turning point, Edwards claims

Wales had arrived at one of those turning points of history which - even if not recognized at the time - were later seen to have changed the way in which people thought and lived, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said when he opened the annual Welsh debate in the Commons.

Welsh dependence on the old, basic industries, over which he said, The long agonized decline, with all its painful social consequences, was also over.

"We have now entered a new period in which, though coal and steel will continue to play an important role, the Welsh economy will advance and grow on a broad base that will consist of the old industries modernized and brought up to date by new technology, the new industries and the services sector by twenty-first century man."

Although unemployment was still very high, he was increasingly confident about the Welsh economy.

Despite the loss of about 67,000 jobs in coal and steel since 1975, unemployment in Wales had risen less severely in the period up to early 1986 than it had in the United Kingdom as a whole.

Then, it had fallen faster and further than elsewhere.

The new industries and services, the increasing number of self-employed people, with Wales's 20 per cent share of UK inward investment, had begun to act as an effective cushion to

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the principality's disproportionate loss in coal and steel.

The CBI, chambers of commerce and industry, said that throughout Wales had all expressed confidence about their prospects, against a background of a huge improvement in productive performance.

The CBI Welsh quarterly trends survey in January showed a sharp increase in business optimism. The volume of business was the highest for 10 years. The number of firms working below capacity had dropped from 58 per cent to 45 per cent. Investment in plant and machinery was rising.

A number of recent announcements showed that the transformation of the industrial base was gathering pace. CP Pharmaceuticals had today announced a £4 million expansion that was expected to create more than 100 extra jobs.

Sony had announced today that it was embarking on a big expansion of its Bridgend site. The project, costing more than £30 million, involved a large increase in the manufacture of colour television sets, tubes and components and would create an additional 332 jobs, bringing the employment at the plant to nearly 1,600.

"The announcement this morning of a package of support for a major development

planned by Avans in the Dragon Park building originally constructed for Hoover is expected to create 800 jobs within three years.

"This application for financial assistance was lodged and much of the property negotiations completed here the day by Rank Hovis McDougall. We processed that application under the normal procedures without regard to the bid.

"I hope that, whatever the outcome of the bid, this very important and carefully prepared project will go ahead.

"Both companies have a high reputation; both provide significant employment in Wales, and RHM is at the present time carrying out a capital project in Barry. Avans has an outstanding record of growth, investment and job creation in Wales and elsewhere."

Responding to interventions, he added that if RHM were to succeed with the takeover, they would have to re-submit an application for this project against the financial background of the company.

The RHD chairman had assured him, before today's announcement, that he believed a takeover would not have adverse job consequences for Wales and that four or five of the Avans operations would be regarded as flagship operations in the new group.

Labour peers will take seats soon

All five new Labour peers are expected to complete the procedures connected with choosing their titles and to take their seats in the House of Lords before the Easter recess.

Mr Neil Kinnock and Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, had campaigned for a new batch of working peers to help in dealing with the workload in the Lords.

The first one to appear on the Opposition benches is likely to be Mr Denis Carter, a farmer and director of a firm of agricultural consultants, who will take his seat on March 24. But the Labour Party is particularly anxious to have Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, an expert in industrial relations law, in the House to help with the Criminal Justice Bill, which is due to arrive in the Lords after Easter.

The new peers are not entitled to call themselves "Lord" until they have negotiated their titles with the Garter King of Arms and received the letters patent, authorized by the Queen.

The procedure generally takes two or three weeks but can be longer for a Scottish peer because then the Garter, Sir Colin Cole, at the College of Arms, and the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland, have to be agreed and occa-



Mr Irvine: To help with Criminal Justice Bill.

sionally local residents are asked their views, particularly in Scotland. Lord Morton of Shuna, who was given a Labour life peerage in 1985, made the task simpler by choosing an uninhabited isle.

The office of Garter King of Arms was created in 1415 when it was decided that one of the senior heralds should look after the affairs and ceremonies of the knights of the Garter, advising on touchy matters of precedence and degrees of rank.

Today, the Monarch still chooses a Garter from among her heralds to look after the same sensitive issues.

He is given a list of names of those to be recommended for peerages. After their announcement he interviews each one and each agrees on a suitable and distinctive title and place. The Crown Office makes up the letters patent.

Consultant called before House

For the second time in three months a Commons select committee has taken the almost unprecedented step of summoning a hospital consultant to explain what one member has described as his "appalling inhumanity".

The committee which shadows the Ombudsman will question the consultant, Dr James Thirkettle, of Crawley Hospital in East Sussex, later this month on why a patient's family was not informed of his sharp and fatal deterioration, and why over the next six months he repeatedly "fobbed off" requests for an explanation from the dead man's daughter.

In December, the committee summoned a Wirral dental consultant who on three occasions had taken more than four months to respond to patients' complaints, and parliamentary authorities were at that time unable to think of any other recent parallel cases in which private individuals have been called to explain their conduct.

This time the committee decided to act after the Mid-Downs District Health Authority said in evidence that it had no power to dismiss or discipline Dr Thirkettle because he was employed by the Regional Health Authority.

According to the health Ombudsman's report for last year, the patient was admitted to Crawley Hospital for what

his family believed was an arthritic knee. Three days later they visited again, found him unconscious, and were "stunned" at his deterioration. Within hours he was dead.

The Ombudsman found that staphylococcal septicaemia had been diagnosed on the day the patient was admitted and that the hospital's "failure to notify the relatives of the serious deterioration in the father's condition denied them the opportunity to see him conscious before he died." This was a "serious failure in service."

The daughter later made a series of written and telephone inquiries to Dr Thirkettle seeking further information about her father's condition and when it had been diagnosed as potentially fatal. Each time the consultant's secretary said he was on holiday, or unwell, or that her inquiries would be dealt with during an internal investigation.

Dr Thirkettle told the Ombudsman later that he did not regard himself as responsible for the patient's care, that to have replied would have resulted in "protracted correspondence," and that he did not have time to go through the relevant clinical notes.

The Ombudsman found his failure to respond "inexcusable," and "his attitude to a temperately expressed request for information most discourteous."

MPs may consider TV for committees

A full parliamentary inquiry is likely to be launched into the possibility of televising Commons select committees, a move that could ultimately lead to cameras in the chamber.

The Sound Broadcasting committee took evidence last week from Mr Christopher Capron, the BBC's head of parliamentary broadcasting, who said he believed MPs were mistaken in voting against having cameras in the chamber in 1985 and that televised select committees could show that their fears were unfounded.

The committee, now charged only with supervising radio broadcasting from the Commons, is likely to seek permission from the House to broaden its remit and examine the implications of allowing cameras into committees. It would look at the results of televising the Lords and ask the BBC to spell out in detail its plans for committees.

The move would coincide with an all-party Commons motion signed by 84 MPs which calls for the experimental televising of the public sessions of these committees, that favoured it.

However 25 other MPs have tabled an amendment to that motion arguing that such televising would "inevitably be selective, unrepresentative of the work of the House, disrupt



Sir Philip Goodhart: "Courtroom atmosphere".

tive, costly and for the benefit of a minimal audience."

Sir Philip Goodhart, chairman of the Sound Broadcasting Committee, voted against having cameras in the chamber in 1985 because he thought MPs would resort to gimmicks to enliven speeches. However, he believes the cross-examinations and "courtroom atmosphere" of committees would be natural good television.

The vote in 1985 was lost by 12 votes after a last-minute change of heart by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, and there can thus be no other debate on televising the Commons this session.

That ban would not apply to a debate on televising select committees, however, and Sir Philip is confident that many of those who opposed cameras in the chamber would support them in committees.

Budget 'to aid Welsh jobless'

The forthcoming Budget will accelerate the fall in unemployment in Wales, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said during question time in the Commons.

Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, had complained that unemployment cost Wales almost £3 million a day. The country was squandering its most precious resource, its people, and 15,000 people, about 9 per cent of the total number unemployed, had been out of work for five years.

Mr Edwards: Just as last year's Budget produced a fall in unemployment, so I am confident the next Budget will accelerate the process in the months ahead.

He had said earlier that on a seasonally adjusted basis, unemployment in Wales had fallen in nine of the past ten months. Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) said that £1,131 million was being spent on unemployment benefit and related matters in Wales. Over the past seven years that amounted to £7,000 million to £8,000 million that could have been spent on the economy in Wales.

"When will he stop this lunacy and do something to get people back into work?" Mr Edwards said that he thought Mr Powell would have welcomed the scale of benefit

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Local Government Bill, second reading. Rate Support Grants Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Banking Bill, second reading. Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill, report.

Cabinet may scrap ITV levy in drive for efficiency

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The Treasury levy on independent television profits may be scrapped and replaced by new arrangements designed to make the service more efficient.

The change being considered by a Cabinet committee chaired by the Prime Minister would attack old-fashioned industrial relations in the industry, and be part of a sweeping overhaul of the ITV system.

Ministers believe that the levy on profits, which produced £20 million for the Exchequer in the financial year ending March 1986, is driving up the cost of broadcasting by encouraging ITV stations to increase the price of advertising to cover the cost of overmanning and high wages.

As a result, ITV productions are less competitive in world media markets, high advertising costs make some products too expensive for consumers, and there is excessive pressure on the BBC, which is being forced to pay more for staff to compete.

The levy reduces the incentive for the ITV companies to control costs, as the higher their profits, the more they pay. They might as well pay more money to the unions and pay it to the Government, one broadcasting economist said.

The 45 per cent levy on the domestic profits of the ITV companies, and a 22½ per cent levy on their international earnings, is in addition to normal corporate taxation.

The levy was introduced in 1964 and the basis of its calculation has changed several times since. Previous consideration has been given to abolishing the levy on profits, but the current review is taking into account several new factors, including a desire by ministers to change the basis on which the Independent Broadcasting Authority awards franchises.

A new levy arrangement could be tied to a new system in which bidders will be asked to make competitive offers of

payments to the Treasury in return for their franchises.

Detailed proposals may be presented in a Green Paper, which could take many months to produce.

The Green Paper would also give in detail the Government's view of proposals to separate Channel 4 from its financial relationship with the ITV companies, guarantee independent producers more BBC and ITV air time, and move the BBC to a system of subscription finance.

The subscription idea is attractive to some ministers because the Government believes that broadcasting should be regarded as a marketplace.

But others believe that the political costs would be too high, as it seems likely, subscription would cost considerably more than licence fees.

Paper is planning a TV service

The Financial Times is negotiating with the Italian television entrepreneur, Silvio Berlusconi, to launch an international television news service.

Talks were held in Milan last week which could result in the creation of a satellite-delivered financial programme, drawing on the editorial resources of the newspaper and the television production and distribution expertise of Signor Berlusconi.

Signor Berlusconi, who operates a chain of commercial stations in Italy and France, is not popular with some public-service broadcasters, who consider his output to include examples of the worst in deregulated broadcasting.

His new venture would be consistent with his strategy to move into more respectable programming and would provide the newspaper with access to a large European audience.

The Financial Times is also a bidder to provide a daily business news programme on Channel 4.

Parents' tempest over Wind in the Willows

A primary school's production of *The Wind in the Willows* ended with two teachers being beaten by parents, Lincoln Crown Court was told yesterday. The judge ordered the parents to pay the teachers £300 compensation.

Richard Devonport, aged nine, was said to have been "ticked off for being naughty" while playing in the orchestra. His mother, Brenda, was so angry that she took him home before the second half of the play.

She returned with her husband, John, to speak to the headmaster, and Mr Timothy Spencer, for the prosecution, said the mother punched Miss Jennifer Oughton, a music teacher, in the face sending her reeling across the table.

When Mr Trevor Thompson, the headmaster, went to intervene he was pulled by the hair so hard that a large piece fell out and John Devonport then tried to kneel him in the face while his wife hit the teacher hard across the head with her handbag.

The dispute ended when a cameraman, who had made a video recording of the play, smashed John Devonport four times on the head with his tripod which left the parent in hospital for three days.

Brenda Devonport, aged 36, of Bankside, Wyberton, near Boston, Lincolnshire, admitted two charges of assault and was given a 12-month conditional discharge. She was ordered to pay £50 compensation each to Miss Oughton and Mr Thompson.

John Devonport, aged 38, was also given a 12-month conditional discharge after admitting assault, occasioning actual bodily harm on Mr Thompson. He was ordered to pay the headmaster £200 compensation.

Mr Richard Metcalf, for the Devonports, said the parents thought their son, who has a hearing problem, was being picked on by teachers. After the incident last July he moved to another school.

Sport and the MSC: 2

Bull's-eye for a job hunter

For Mr Chris Johns, of Penryn, Mid Glamorgan, the reward for wearing out two dart boards with more than four hours of daily practice at home when he was unemployed was his defeat of Eric Bristow, the world champion.

"It was a therapy... a sort of antidote to not having a job. I think I was lucky against Eric. He was probably having an off night and I beat him two sets to nil", he said.

Mr Johns qualified for the Welsh team and is now competing his way up the darts ladder towards the prizes that television has provided for the top players.

He has been helped on his way by a Manpower Services Commission enterprise allowance of £40 a week and £1,000 from the Youth Business Initiative, with which he bought the car for getting to matches.

Those "in the know" believe that Mr Johns could become a world-class darts player, and that his skill deserves support.

"I have had one or two jobs but nothing that seemed to be really steady and if I have a talent it seems to be playing darts", he said.

In Sheffield a very different group of sporting unemployed wait for the first signs of spring to put an end to the sport's closed season. For rock climbers it seems

that a basic requirement for climbing at the top level is to be unemployed. A number of top flight rock climbers and mountaineers have qualified for the enterprise allowance.

"You must have the time to train to reach the top levels these days", Mr Andy Pollitt, aged 23, says. He climbed so constantly and intensely that he badly damaged one arm.

"I sort of wore an arm out. It was an over-use injury that needed quite major surgery. The same thing has happened to a few mates. One doctor said that I would never be able to do manual work again let alone climb rocks but within five weeks I was back on the Extremes", he said.

The Extremes are those modern climbs up rock faces that appear to be holdless and pitched at an overhanging angle. Climbing them requires a combination of strength and mental commitment, that needs constant practice.

"A lot of my mates are doing the same as I am, devoting all their time to climbing. There are probably 15 or 20 in this area alone."

"I went for my Restart interview and explained I would like to get on the

Enterprise Allowance as a professional. Two climbers I know have managed it."

"I thought the interviewers would crack up laughing but I'm hopeful. It's as good a career as anything else and they say that 60,000 people now take part in climbing so there is clearly a market."

Some of the Sheffield climbers have entered the continental competition scene where prizes can be more than £1,000, but Mr Pollitt is against such exploitation of the sport.

"It doesn't interest me. The market I prefer is in supplying guide books and writing generally about rock climbing", he said.

To qualify for the top ranks means training every day throughout the Sheffield winter on a climbing wall behind the students' canteen at the local polytechnic, or a training involving 350 pull-ups on a quarter-inch finger ledge, sometimes with weights strapped to the waist.

Did he and his friends ever plan to work normally? One of them shrugged. "Frankly no and there's no work here if we wanted to."

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Blakelock trial Youth rally sought 'eye for an eye'

A demand for "an eye for an eye" was made during a stormy meeting only hours before Police Constable Keith Blakelock met his death at the hands of a mob, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The jury, trying four people for the murder of the officer, was told by Mr Roy Limb, chief executive of Haringey council, that the meeting took place at the Broadwater Farm Youth Association in Tottenham, north London, early in the evening of October 6, 1985.

He said the meeting was held in the wake of the death of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, whose

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meeting and attempted to drive away he was confronted with a burning barricade.

Mr Limb was giving evidence on the twenty-eighth day of the trial. He was a defence witness for a youth, aged 15, who faces charges of riotous assembly and affray after the murder charge was dropped against him last week.

Four others still face the murder accusation.

PC Blakelock, a father of three, was hacked to death only a short distance from the youth association premises in Tangmere block.

The hearing continues today.

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Charities given 22m packs of butter

By John Young

Agriculture Correspondent

A total of 22,600,000 packs of butter, amounting to some 5,650 tonnes, has been distributed to charities in Britain since the start of the EEC scheme to make surplus food from intervention stores available to the needy.

Last week 100,000 tonnes were sold to the Soviet Union, a sale strongly criticized by the United Kingdom Provision Trade Federation.

The Government and the European Commission insist that the two figures are not comparable as the butter being supplied to charities is of good quality, and the purpose of the scheme is not to reduce intervention stocks.

The butter sold to the Russians is more than 18 months old, could not be sold for human consumption within the EEC, and may well be put to some industrial use. It is part of the 300,000 tonnes that the Commission has set as its target this year for reducing the "mountain" of more than 1,500,000 tonnes.

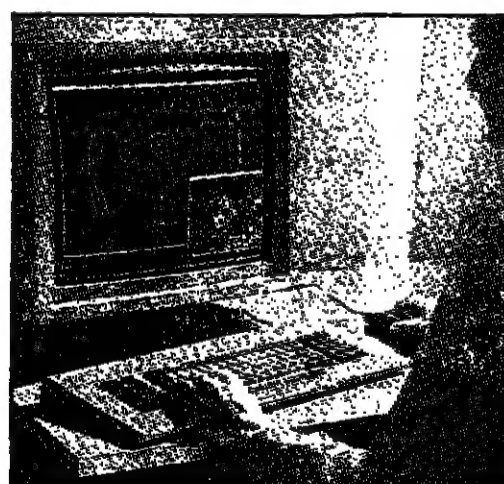
The federation insists that it is absurd to sell butter outside the Community at £143 a tonne, or less than 7p a pound, when the grocery trade at home has to pay some £1,900 a tonne, or 85p a pound. It called yesterday for a 50 per cent reduction in the domestic price to benefit consumers within the EEC and increase consumption.

After some initial difficulties, the parallel scheme for beef distribution appears to be progressing more smoothly. So far more than four million four-ounce portions have been cooked and served by the charities taking part in the scheme, although this represents less than 1 per cent of the 48,000 tonnes theoretically available before March 31.

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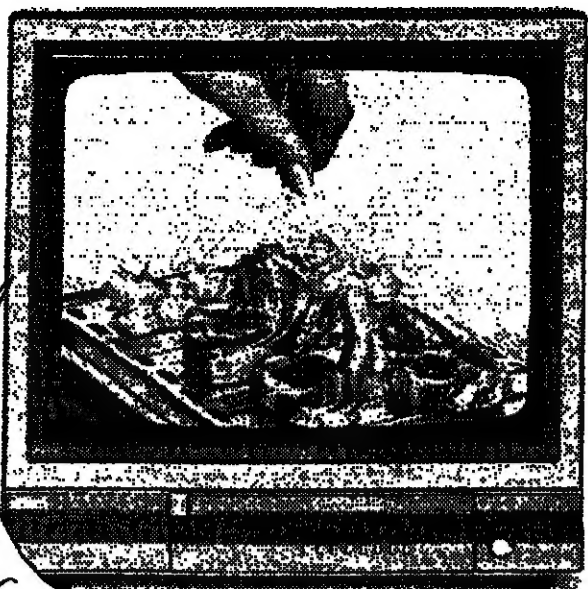
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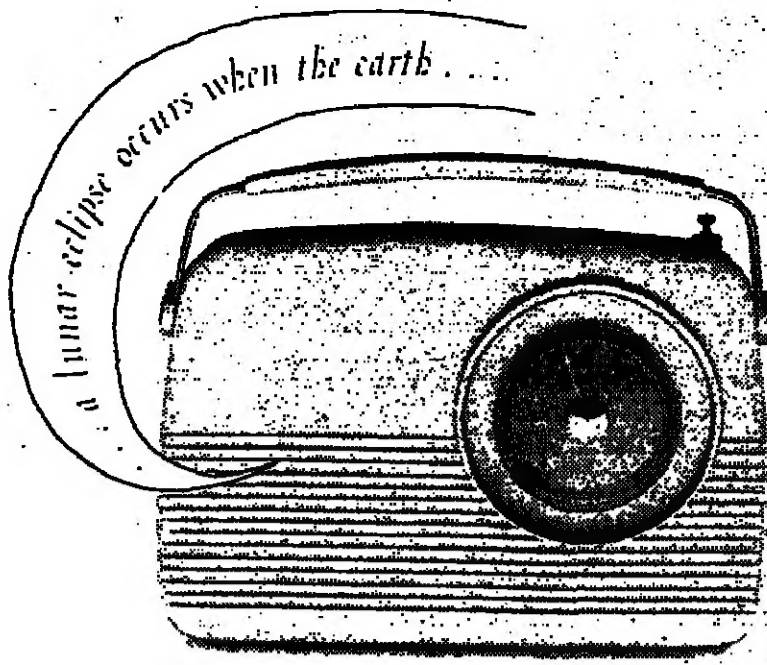
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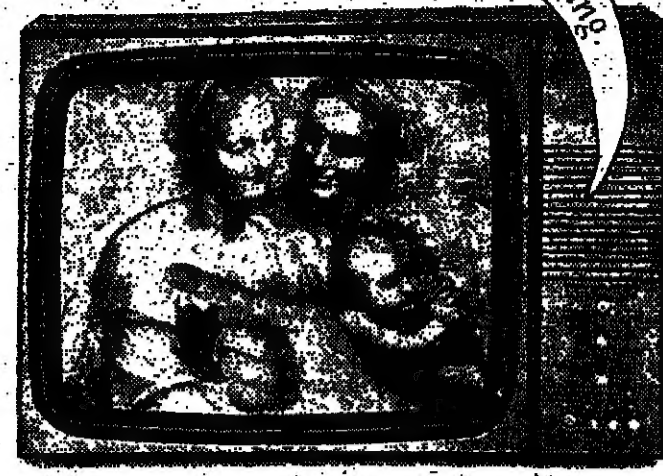
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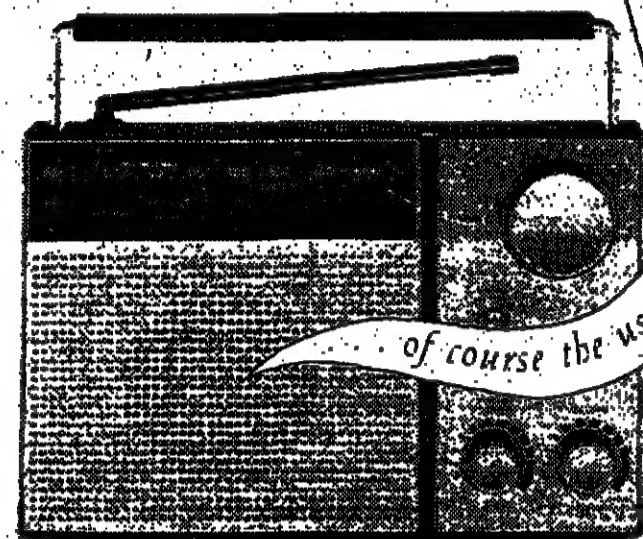


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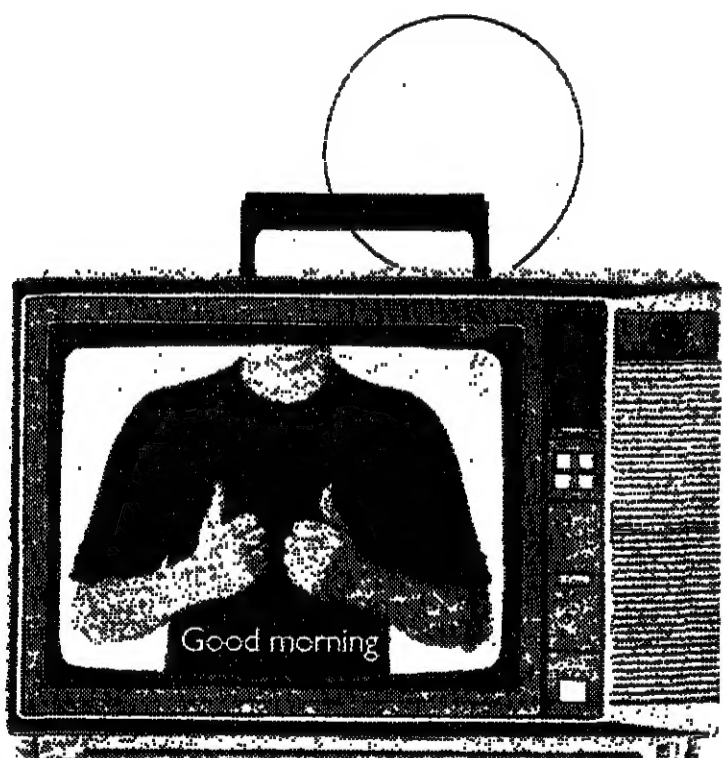
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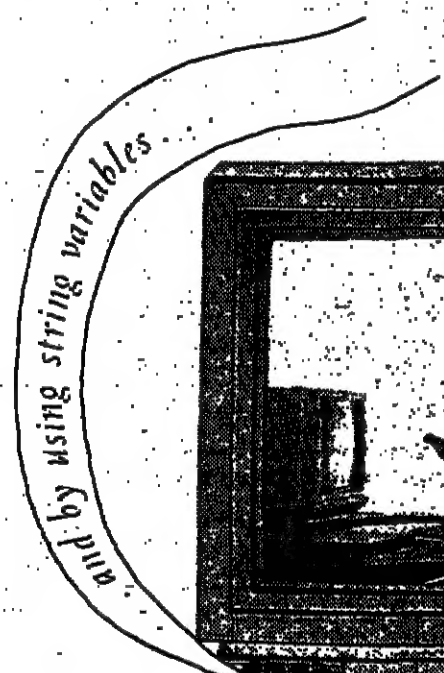
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Shultz discusses Iran arms sales

Peking — Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, held seven hours of meetings yesterday with some of China's leading officials and was said to have discussed China's arms sales to Iran (Robert Grievess writes).

The meetings came before his scheduled talks with Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, today.

Mr Shultz was also scheduled to travel to the east coast port of Dalian today, where he is expected to make a major speech concerning China's economic reforms.

Mr Shultz yesterday met Mr Li Peng, one of China's most visible vice premiers, Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's premier and acting Communist Party General Secretary, Mr Zhang Aiping, the Defence Minister, and Mr Li Xianmin, the Chinese President. Mr Shultz briefed his Chinese hosts on US arms sales to Iran, a State Department spokesman said, and discussed the deployment of Soviet SS-20 missiles in Europe and Asia.

Troops to pull out

Islamabad — Foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan yesterday agreed to pull out their troops in two sectors along the southern part of their international border, in a bid to reduce tension following an agreement in Delhi on February 4 this year (Hassan Akhtar writes).

A Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman said withdrawal of about two army divisions on both sides during this month should substantially relieve the border tension which led to a war scare in December and January.

Chissano in Harare

Harare — President Chissano of Mozambique arrived in Zimbabwe yesterday for his first state visit (Jan Raath writes).

He led a delegation consisting chiefly of military personnel, which had two hours of talks with Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe. They are expected to discuss the 10-year war against the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance and plans for Mozambique to use Mozambique's ports as an alternative to South Africa's.

Carnival lorry kills 7

Rio de Janeiro (AP) — A driverless lorry carrying a carnival band ran into a crowd of revelers in north-eastern Brazil, killing seven people and injuring 32.

Police said the driver left the truck parked on a steep hill in the port city of Salvador and went to have a beer. While he was gone, the brakes slipped. Seven people, including a child aged two, were crushed under the wheels.

In Rio de Janeiro revelers in sequined bikinis, feathered masks and beaded poms prepared to dance and drink during a non-stop carnival celebration that lasts until today.

More than 60,000 dancers from 18 samba schools have been practising intricate dance steps for nearly a year to perform before 90,000 spectators in the grandstands called the "sambodromo".

Officials expect three million tourists from Brazil and around the world to spend more than £20 million during the five-day extravaganza.

Eta leader killed

Madrid — The most influential Eta, Señor Txomin Irujo, aged 43, has died in a car accident in Algeria. It was confirmed yesterday in his home town of Mondragon (Harry Debelius writes).

Señor Irujo was the most senior leader of Eta from 1975 until he was deported by France to Gabon last July.

Aids tests for visas

Seoul (AP) — Foreigners entering South Korea with resident visas will be required to undergo tests for AIDS, beginning this month, the Government announced yesterday.

Foreign tourists and short-term visitors will not be subject to the new measure. The Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Mr Rhee Hai-won said.

Karpov draws game

Anatoly Karpov, the former world champion, easily held a draw with the black pieces against his Soviet compatriot, Andrei Sokolov, in their third game in Linares, Spain, to decide the challenger for Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion (Raymond Keene writes).

Karpov played innovatively and aggressively and appears to have the match well under control against his less experienced opponent.

He now leads 2-1 with 11 games still to be played.

Yesterday was a free day while game 4 resumes today.

White: Sokolov. Black: Karpov.

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Tower Commission aftermath

Baker begins rescue mission

From Michael Binyon Washington

Mr Howard Baker, who yesterday took over as White House Chief of Staff, will have to deal with continuing bizarre revelations in the Iran arms scandal, including suggestions that President Reagan did know of the diversion of money to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The revelations come amid renewed media criticism of Mr Reagan's leadership. An immediate issue is how the President will respond to the criticisms of the Tower Commission in his promised speech.

Republicans and political advisers have called on him to use the nationwide television address to accept personal blame for the affair and to admit the policy was mistaken.

But Mr Reagan's confidants say the President, who is reported to be "deeply disturbed" by the severity of the commission criticisms, is still unwilling to admit he was wrong. Mr Paul Laxalt, a former Republican senator and close friend, said he urged Mr Reagan to concede that the Iran initiative should not have been made, "but I don't think he's there yet in his own mind".

Senator Robert Dole said he should make a full apology, or "if not apologize, get very close to that".

Further harsh comments about Mr Reagan's leadership were made at the weekend by the three members of the Tower Commission. Mr Edmund Muskie, a former Secretary of State, said on television that the commission was "appalled" by Mr Reagan's lack of alertness and vigilance.

"We do not regard him as a mental case, but regard him as a President who did not do his job. The President was clearly responsible for the mistakes made, responsible in a very real way."

The New York Times said the truth in the past, but would be unable to do so now if he was to save the last 22 months of his presidency. The Washington Post said personnel changes alone were not enough to rescue the Reagan White House.

Meanwhile, it was revealed at the weekend that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Service aide, sent an undated memorandum to Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, outlining the plans to send money from the Iran arms sale to the Contras and asking that the note be forwarded to Mr Reagan. (The Tower Commission said it had no evidence that this was done, and accepted that Mr Reagan knew nothing of the diversion of funds.)

It was also revealed that in early 1986 the Reagan Administration formulated a plan to rescue a hostage in Lebanon by paying a ransom of several million dollars in notes chemically treated to disintegrate a few days later.

The operation, planned by Colonel North, was on the brink of success when the US



Mr Baker kissing his daughter, Sissy, at Miami airport before leaving for Washington and the difficult job of limiting the damage to Mr Reagan from the Iran arms sale scandal.

bombed Libya. The hostage, Mr Peter Kilburn, was reported killed a few days later in retaliation.

The plan to free him would have involved paying money which would turn into a suitcase of confetti, according to the Tower Commission. It would also have led to the arrest of the Canadian acting on behalf of the kidnappers.

There was suspicion among US intelligence officials that the group holding Mr Kilburn was linked to Syria. Officials began planning his rescue in 1985 after being approached by a Canadian of Armenian extraction saying he represented the kidnappers. He produced an identity card used by Mr Kilburn as proof of the connection.

As soon as the Administration expressed willingness to deal with him the ransom demand increased from \$500,000 (about £340,000) to more than \$3 million (about £2 million). This made the plan of treating huge quantities of notes with special chemicals extremely difficult — besides, in one early attempt the notes disintegrated after 24 hours, and the US officials decided they ought to last longer in case the captors became suspicious.

Officials said Colonel North blamed the failure of the plan on the Central Intelligence Agency, and this led him to distrust government operations and agencies, and to rely instead on private individuals for secret missions overseas.

McFarlane felt he had failed country

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Robert McFarlane, the former US National Security Adviser, said he was driven to despair and attempted suicide out of a sense of having failed his country and because he could have stopped the Iran affair from getting worse if he had stayed in the White House.

In his first interview since he took an overdose of valium, Mr McFarlane told The New York Times that he did not try to kill himself because he was depressed about testifying to the Tower Commission and other investigating committees, or because he was embarrassed by the public denunciation of his role in the Iran affair.

"All my life I had been consumed by the idea that devoting one's total energies to government as a way of improving the lot of my fellow man was the best thing you could do," he said. "I allowed it to become almost the exclusive measure of my own worth."

He voiced his frustration and despair at President Reagan's refusal to absorb what he told him about foreign affairs. Mr Reagan felt more comfortable in the company of advisers who were self-made and wealthy men.

"The President didn't al-

Gorbachov missile offer

Cool optimism and hope of a breakthrough

From Richard Owen and Frederick Bonart, Brussels

"I do not much like the 'zero option' in Euro missiles, least of all from the military point of view," said General Wolfgang Altenburg, head of Nato's military committee, shortly before the latest arms control offer by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. "But I have to live with it."

General Bernard Rogers, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, was even blunter: in the absence of other "balanced and verifiable reductions", the "zero option" in INF (intermediate nuclear forces) would "put us in a hell of a position here in Western Europe".

From Nato's point of view, Mr Gorbachov has called the West's bluff.

There is irony in the fact that the "zero option" in intermediate-range missiles was first proposed by Nato yet is now being seen as a Soviet offer. The Nato twin track decision of 1979, inspired by the West Germans, combined an offer of negotiations on medium-range missiles in Europe with a build-up of such forces on the Western side to counterbalance Russian SS 20s if Moscow did not respond. The subsequent deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 was also based on a desire firmly to couple the twin pillars of the alliance: the United States and Western Europe.

Mr Gorbachov is in effect being forced to go back to the Soviet position before the Reykjavik summit, at which he coupled intermediate-range missiles with the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) in an attempt to put pressure on Washington over "Star Wars".

Following the initial optimism of the weekend, when Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, welcomed the Gorbachov move, Nato officials were yesterday considering the pros and cons of the Gorbachov offer before tomorrow's meeting of the Nato Council at ambassador level. The reservations expressed are:

1. Any agreement on long range intermediate forces must take into account the threat of Soviet short-range intermediate missiles which have a range of up to 1,000

kilometres. This threat did not exist at the time of the twin track decision in 1979.

But Western Europe now has powerful SS 23s targeted on it from Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Mr Gorbachov appeared ready to meet this point in his speech on Saturday.

2. There must be a link between INF reductions and the level of conventional forces in Europe. Nato has proposed talks with the Warsaw Pact in Vienna on the conventional imbalance.

3. Any negotiated agreement would have to be verifiable. Some progress has been made at Geneva, but satellite observations tend to identify launchers rather than warheads.

4. Some American nuclear presence on West European soil — some Nato officials argue — has become desirable in order to preserve the symbolic unity of the alliance. Forward based systems such as the F111 bomber partly serve this purpose.

5. As for the Soviet proposal for leaving 100 missiles in Asia, Nato objects that SS 20s stationed in or beyond the Urals could easily be moved back to European Russia, just as SS 23s could be moved back to Eastern Europe — whereas American missiles would have to be brought back across the Atlantic to Western Europe.

There is, however, cautious public optimism at Nato. expressed yesterday by General Altenburg, who said a breakthrough in arms control was possible, provided all threats to European security were taken into account.

The Europeans also acknowledge that both Washington and Moscow have urgent domestic reasons for wanting an arms control agreement this year. But officials emphasize that Soviet short-range missiles outnumber Nato's short-range rockets by over six to one. "The Alliance can never accept that degree of inequality," one official said firmly. Nato's European members are wary of paying an unfair price just to secure a quick deal on longer-range Euro missiles.

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Delays seen in turning Greenham non-nuclear

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

An agreement between the Soviet Union and the US in Geneva to remove all intermediate-range missiles from Europe would take months of detailed negotiations to iron out the problems over verification and types of weapons to be included, according to senior British officials.

Although it is possible that a draft agreement could be drawn up this year there is no question of any of the 96

cruise missiles installed at Greenham Common being sent back to the US for some considerable time.

One senior Whitehall source said: "If there is a proper agreement and a verification regime sorted out with each side being able to monitor the dismantling process, then the 96 cruise missiles at Greenham Common will be sent back to the US and the base will return to a non-nuclear function."

TV facelift for bored Russians

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The daily format of state-controlled Soviet television is to be revamped to introduce new breakfast and late-night news and entertainment shows, in the latest of the extensive reforms of the Soviet media being encouraged by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Mr Leonid Kravchenko, deputy chief of the State Committee for Television and Radio, unveiled the new plans at a press conference yesterday. He said that the new breakfast show would run from 7 am to 8.30 am, replacing the repetition of the previous night's single news programme, which for several years has occupied the main spot on morning television.

Mr Kravchenko acknowledged that for years Soviet television had been "too conservative... pompous and dull". He said that the breakfast programme would include fresh news, musical interludes, a press review, forecasts and interviews.

The decision to expand the television service was part of Mr Gorbachov's policy of "glasnost" (openness). Mr Kravchenko told reporters. The new late-night show would run from 11 pm till half past midnight, along much the same formula as in the morning but aimed specifically at a younger audience. At present, Moscow television's three programmes close down at 11 pm, except on weekends.

Supporters of the Kremlin's strict restrictions on alcohol have been calling for a substantial improvement in the quantity and content of night-time television to act as a counterbalance to excessive drinking by Soviet citizens who claim they have no other form of entertainment.

Ski lift crash inquiries begin

From Diana Geddes Paris

As two separate inquiries opened yesterday into the cause of the second serious ski lift accident in France this season, the French *téléphériques* and *télécabines* operators insisted that ski lifts remain one of the safest forms of transport.

Five people died — four French and one Spanish — and more than 100 were injured, 39 seriously, when a pylon at the top of a new chairlift in the small French Pyrenean resort of Luz-Ardiden collapsed on Sunday after the multi-ton concrete block holding it in place and acting as a counterweight gave way, sending the ski lift's 50 four-seat "chairs" hurtling onto rocks and snow.

A little more than two months earlier, 36 people were injured at Orres in the Hautes Alpes when two cable cars crashed to the ground after a pylon snapped.

But such accidents are rare. There have been nine serious accidents in the past 25 years, excluding the latest one, in which 26 people have died and a little more than 100 have been injured.

M Jacques Douffiaque, the French Transport Minister, who yesterday visited the scene of Sunday's disaster at Luz-Ardiden, said that an official inquiry had been set up. The Hautes-Pyrenees *departement* which operates the resort's ski lifts has set up its own inquiry.

The list of serious ski lift accidents in France over the past 25 years includes:

1961, August 29: In the Mont Blanc massif, a military plane hit the cable of the *téléphérique* linking the Anguille du Midi with the Helbronner peak, sending three cabins crashing onto rocks. Six dead.



The main chairlift pylon that collapsed on Sunday at the Pyrenean resort of Luz-Ardiden, killing five people.

1965, December 24: At Mont Dore in the Puy de Dôme, *télécabine* came to an abrupt halt after a power cut and was blown by wind against rocks. Seven dead, 11 injured.

1966, July 9: In the Vallée Blanche of the Mont Blanc massif, a cable car of the *téléphérique* linking Aiguille du Midi to Helbronner Peak, sending three cabins crashing

onto rocks. Four dead, 15 injured.

1972, October 26: At the Deux-Alpes in the Isère, two cabins crashed during ski lift repairs. Six technicians killed.

1986, December 27: At Orres in the Hautes Alpes, two *télécabines* fell after a cable snapped. 36 injured.

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The Marcinkus bank scandal

Italy losing patience with Vatican

From Roger Boyes Rome

An extraordinary row is brewing between the Vatican and the Italian Government, which is trying to arrest the bishop of the Vatican, Archbishop Marcinkus, a close associate of the Pope.

Arrest warrants, on charges of fraudulent bankruptcy, were issued last week against Archbishop Marcinkus — known as "The Gorilla" — not only because of his large stature — and two laymen. But the Vatican is refusing to hand over the Archbishop.

Italian lawyers are now urgently puzzling out ways of getting around the 1929 Lateran Treaty between Italy and the Vatican which, under article 11, explicitly protects those within the Vatican frontiers. The Vatican is holding firm and will resist any attempt by the Italian police to sway off their territory.

Archbishop Marcinkus is chairman of the Institute for Religious Works, the IOR, which functions as the Vatican bank. Milan magistrates have spent the last four years trying to unravel the affair of the bankrupt Banco Ambrosiano. This was Italy's biggest post-war scandal exposing a remarkable *imbroglio* of free-masons, bent bankers, and dubious church financial dealings.

The charges against Archbishop Marcinkus say that he was an accessory to the fake bankruptcy, which led to the collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano and the downfall of its ill-fated chief, Signor Roberto Calvi. The Archbishop denies any wrongdoing, although the IOR did agree to pay some of the Banco Ambrosiano's creditors in "recognition of its moral involvement". Archbishop Marcinkus and two laymen, the managing director of the IOR and its chief accountant, also signed "letters of patronage", which gave the Ambrosiano and its chief Vatican backing for large loans to dummy companies.

The case highlights the curious status of the Vatican and the peculiar position of the Archbishop, aged 65, who now lurks behind his walls. The Vatican consists of 109 acres of buildings, gardens and St Peter's Square. But for the normal traveller it is part and parcel of the city of Rome. It features on the bus and under-

ground routes and there are no frontier checks or anything else to distinguish a traditional state border. The clergy who work in the Vatican move freely in and out of Rome.

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Task force to ensure Californians feel good

From Charles Bremner New York

When the cartoonist Garry Trudeau started chronicling the birth of a Californian Government agency to promote self-esteem, in his daily strip *Doonesbury*, most of America thought the satirist was poking fun at one of his staple targets — the weirdness of the "feel-good" state.

But the satirist was only playing it straight. The hand that has dreamed up almost everything has just created a state-funded "Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem, Personal and Social Responsibility". The rest of the country has yet to stop laughing.

The force, whose 25 members were appointed last week is the brainchild of a member of the State Assembly, Mr John Vasconcellos of Santa Clara. Equipped with a budget of \$735,000 (£477,000), signed into law by Governor George Deukmejian, the body is about to start trying to prove that people get into trouble when they do not feel good.

Mr Vasconcellos, aged 54, is not amused by what he sees as cynical sniggering about his project. "Self-esteem is im-

plicated as the causal factor in six major social problems including crime, drug abuse, child abuse and chronic welfare dependency," he said.

The assemblyman, who is head of the State's powerful Ways and Means Committee, as well as an activist in the Human Potential movement, enhanced his own feelings about well-being and "new age" healing theories while recovering from heart surgery three years ago. Then, he addressed a letter to his constituents asking them to imagine swimming through his arteries with a tiny brush

and solvents to help rid him of cholesterol.

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Beirut's frightened Shia Muslims flee to the suburbs Iran the loser as Syrian troops sweep militias off the streets

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

The Americans and Israelis have turned out to be the winners and Iran the very definite loser in Beirut.

Syria's military presence in the Muslim sector of the city has effectively cleared the militias off the streets, isolated the more extreme anti-Western Muslim groups into the slums of Bourj el-Barajneh, and—at least for the present—castrated the power of the Hezbollah (Party of God), which has been attacking Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

As Syrian troops set up more positions in the streets of west Beirut, President Assad told the Iranian in no uncertain terms that Syria—not Iran—will now control events. Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, who visited Damascus last week, has now been reduced to warning Syria of the dangers of "sinking in the Lebanon quicksand" if it does not exercise "prudence". That, it seems, is as far as the Iranians will yet go to defend their spiritual disciples within the Hezbollah.

The Israelis, meanwhile, have the satisfaction of knowing that the Syrians are also helping to isolate the PLO guerrillas in Beirut who, before the arrival of the Syrian 83rd Brigade, were on the point of breaking out of their camps and overwhelming Syria's Shia Muslim Amal militia allies. The PLO still remains a powerful and active force in Sidon, 25 miles to the south, but there are suggestions here that, once American and Israeli consent has been tacitly obtained, the Syrians will move down the coastal highway to the city and include it in their "security plan".

The immediate question for the Syrians remains the Beirut southern suburbs of Bourj el-Barajneh and Hay el-Sellum. By insisting that these suburbs are not part of west Beirut—a conceit invented by President Gemayel when the multinational force lost control of them in 1983—the Syrians have been able to claim that they have already achieved their objective of bringing peace to the city's Muslim sector. They have not. But the Shia

Muslims of west Beirut are certainly frightened. Thousands of Shia have fled to the suburbs to avoid the Syrian presence and the possibility of arrest. Boards are becoming a rarity, as that symbol of Islamic dedication—*de rigueur* here until a week ago—suddenly becomes unfashionable.

So, when will the first hostages be released by their Shia Muslim captors?

Brigadier-General Ghazi Kusan, commander of the Syrian Army here, probably knows the answer already. It is widely believed that his failure to advance into the suburbs was the direct result of negotiations with intermediaries of the kidnappers.

Syria, so it is said, promised to leave Bourj el-Barajneh alone if the foreigners were released. Even if they are, Syria is unlikely to be able to resist some penetration of the Shia neighbourhoods. It only needs a dispute between its own Amal allies and the Hezbollah within Bourj el-Barajneh to provide an excuse for the Syrians to drive in as

"peacekeepers" to separate the two sides.

Beirut airport may reopen in the next seven days, but only under Syrian military control and with Syrian intelligence agents vetting all passengers.

In retrospect, therefore, the desire by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, to "isolate" Lebanon has been partly granted—thanks to the Syrians. And, since President Assad is not a man to avoid the *quid pro quo* of such favours, it is necessary to ask what Syria will receive in return. Merely a refurbished international image following the Hindawi affair last year? Or some new trade agreement with the United States to offset Syria's serious economic problems?

If British hostages emerge from Beirut with Syria's help, a reopening of diplomatic relations between London and Damascus is a near-certainty.

The Israelis will take some satisfaction from the fact that their enemies in Lebanon are now confronted by an Arab nation every bit as anxious to crush revolutionary ferment as they are.



Palestinian women leaving the Bourj el-Barajneh refugee camp with gas containers to stock up on fuel and food.

Shamir joins the crowds at 'Ivan the Terrible' trial

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday spent an hour watching the "Ivan the Terrible" war crimes trial. He joined more than 400 packed into the converted theatre where Mr John Demjanjuk is accused of the crimes against humanity committed by the Ukrainian executioner at Treblinka death camp.

Mr Shamir said he came "to hear a fragment of all this drama". The trial, he said, showed that the Jewish people could overcome any threat from outside and that their greatest threat came from "self-doubt within the community itself".

The trial by now has gripped the public imagination here. Apart from the audience in the theatre, another 300 are now watching proceedings on closed circuit television in a makeshift cinema set up outside the main hall, while live transmission of proceedings is being broadcast on one of the most popular radio programmes.

Given this public interest it is seen as perfectly natural that senior politicians should attend. According to the Foreign Ministry, Mr Shimon Peres, the main rival of Mr Shamir as Prime Minister, has already given instructions to work a visit into his crowded programme.

Both men could also have a personal reason for wanting to attend. They were both born in Poland and could have been sent to Treblinka themselves had they not emigrated to Palestine before the start of Second World War.

Mr Shamir said when he left that he had been "incredibly moved" by what he had witnessed.

He praised Justice Dov Levin very highly: "I don't

think I could sit in the courtroom day after day and rule on crimes of such awesome dimensions," he said. Both men had served together in the underground Stern Gang in the fight to force Britain to leave Palestine.

Meanwhile, as the trial entered its third week yesterday Mr John Demjanjuk was stung into breaking his silence when a survivor of the death camp pointed an accusing finger at him in court.

The survivor, Mr Eliyahu Rosenberg, who has already told the court that Mr Demjanjuk was "Ivan the Terrible", the camp executioner, had become increasingly angry during prolonged cross-examination by Mr Mark O'Connor, the defence counsel.

He had just described how a group of naked Jews being herded to their deaths had run amok in the camp's extermination area before being shot or rounded up for extermination in the gas chambers. As a member of a Jewish work gang in the area Mr Rosenberg had watched it all happen.

Mr O'Connor then asked him why he had done nothing to help and Mr Rosenberg exploded. "How could I if I had screamed out what would have happened to me?" He pointed across at the dock. "Ask him what he would have done if I had even cried out? He would have shot me into a pool of blood."

Mr Demjanjuk flushed red and called out in Hebrew: "Aia shakran", meaning "you are lying".

Justice Dov Levin had some difficulty in placating Mr Rosenberg, who was quivering with rage as he faced Mr O'Connor. "Even the worst anti-Semites never asked me such questions," he shouted.

Gemayel accepts Damascus peace role

From Juan Carlos Guncuico, west Beirut

For the first time in more than a year, President Gemayel of Lebanon yesterday signalled his willingness to talk about peace on Syrian terms.

The Maronite Christian leader was said to have "approved" three of the five points in Syria's latest political plan to end the 12-year-old civil war. It was not clear, however, whether it was Syria's latest demonstration of strength that prompted the

President to distance himself from the strong anti-Syrian stand he and his militia constituency had supported.

The change of heart in the ruling Christian camp came after Muslim leaders reportedly agreed to resume talks with the Christians. According to Lebanese newspapers, the Muslim leaders of the Shia, Sunni and Druze communities were trying to resurrect a 1985 accord, calling for the abolition of the President's rights to vote in the Cabinet and for Parliament, rather than the President, to elect the Prime

Minister, who is always a Sunni.

The reforms would effectively deprive the Maronite Christian minority of their political power. Until a few years ago such concessions to the nation's Muslim majority would have been unthinkable.

The main question for the Christians, however, remains that of how to deal with the strength of the Syrian-backed Muslims. Among the pragmatists within the Christian community whose power would be automatically eroded, the dilemma is even

greater. In Mr Gemayel's view, the reluctance of right-wing Christian leaders, such as Mr Samir Geagea, the unpredictable leader of the Phalangists, is something to be carefully watched.

It was Mr Geagea who described the recent deployment of 7,000 Syrian troops into west Beirut—at the request of Muslim leaders—as extremely dangerous for the integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon. Also, it is Mr Geagea who is now capitalizing on the anti-Syrian sentiments in the Christian camp.

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Malaysian drugs case

Briton on trial for his life

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Derrick Gregory, a 35-year-old Briton from Richmond, Surrey, yesterday went on trial for drug trafficking at the Penang High Court 240 miles from here.

Malaysian law presumes that anyone found with 15 grams or more of heroin is deemed a drug trafficker, who on conviction is sentenced to death.

But Mr Gregory, a casual labourer, was arrested before the law was amended in 1983. The judge, should he convict him, could sentence him either to the gallows or life imprisonment. That judicial discretion was taken away after the amendment.

Mr Gregory was arrested on October 7, 1982, when found with 576 grams of heroin.

Informed sources yesterday said he had a psychiatric problem but the prosecution believes this did not impair his understanding of the seriousness of the charge.

The trial before Mr Justice Dzaiddin is expected to take two weeks.

The hanging of two Australians—Brian Chambers and British-born Kevin Barlow—last July suddenly brought home the reality that the Malaysian authorities would

not hesitate in carrying out death sentences on foreigners. By that time several Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesian and Thai citizens had already been hanged for drug trafficking.

Six weeks ago the Penang High Court acquitted Herr Heinrich Foerster of drug trafficking after his two companions sent a sworn statement from West Germany to the court saying the

drug belonged to them and not to Herr Foerster.

The West German authorities are now investigating the pair who have since repudiated their statement, saying it was made under duress and to save Herr Foerster from the gallows.

Also awaiting trial in Malaysia for drug offences are an Australian, a New Zealand grandmother and her 18-year-old son.



Mr Gregory arriving at the Penang court yesterday.

Two killed in Milan fog crash

Milan (AP) — Thick fog yesterday severely disrupted road, sea and air traffic in northern Italy and caused a fatal chain collision on a super-highway south of Milan.

Traffic police reported that two people were killed and "many others" injured in a gigantic pile-up of cars and lorries near Piacenza, about three miles from Milan.

Family tragedy

Wakpala, South Dakota (AP) — Neighbours threw snow and pails of water on a burning house on the Standing Rock Indian reservation, but could not save five young brothers and sisters, aged from one month to four years.

Carter trip

Plains, Georgia (AP) — The former US President, Mr Jimmy Carter, and his wife Rosalynn will visit England in July for a reunion with members of the Friendship Force, an exchange programme Mr Carter launched from the White House.

Kountche back

Abidjan (AP) — President Seyni Kountche of Niger has returned to Niamey after a medical check-up in Paris.

Nudes banned

Delhi (AFP) — An annual festival of nude worship by Hindu women in southern India has been banned by the authorities to prevent a recurrence of violence last year in which two people died.

Niassa waits for train of plenty

From Paul Valley, Linchinga, Mozambique

Once there was a train three times a week here to the remote province of Niassa in the extreme north of Mozambique. In 1986 it arrived only four times. This year it has not been seen at all.

Niassa has not been directly troubled by attacks from the South African-backed rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR). But all its lines of communication pass through areas of heavy fighting.

The railway line connects the port of Nacala on the Indian Ocean with the junction at Cuamba, which services Linchinga to the north and the neighbouring country of Malawi to the west. Until two years ago it brought petrol and diesel, manufactured goods, medicines and clothes, salt and soap. It brought everything except food, which the province grew in abundance.

This year even that has changed. The crop which should be gathered in soon is a poor one. Oxiam estimates that as many as 200,000 people could be affected by widespread pockets of famine.

In many places people have already eaten the maize, green and on the stem, weeks before the harvest is due. That means there will be nothing left for the summer months and no seeds to plant for next season.

Today in Linchinga there is no fuel for tractors to plough the large state farms or the smaller subsistence plots. There is no diesel for the lorries which would bring

maize and other crops from the rural areas to the cities.

There is no fuel for the Linchinga hospital generator to run for more than three hours a day to provide electricity for vital surgery.

And there is no electricity from anywhere else: the town's main generating station broke down in a tropical storm four weeks ago. Spare parts, of course, are on the train.

Because there is no electricity the pumps are not working at the water works so the town has no water. There is no soap either and so diseases associated with poor hygiene are becoming more prevalent. There is a virulent epidemic of conjunctivitis. Scabies is common.

All normal patterns of trading have collapsed. What rural peasants want from a city is fuel, clothes, hoes, machetes, cooking utensils, soap, batteries, razor blades and other small necessities. But the shops in Linchinga are empty, so the farmers stay at home.

The only solution for most urban dwellers is a foray into the countryside in search of food. Money has become worthless; instead they take out clothes for barter.

Yet the goods all these people want are already in the country. Three of the Red Cross lorries needed to distribute it have been stranded in the docks at Maputo for four months because there are no boats. The circle remains unbroken.

Quake causes havoc in New Zealand

Wellington (AP) — A state of emergency was declared in parts of New Zealand's North Island yesterday after a powerful earthquake, followed by more than 100 aftershocks, caused widespread damage and seriously injured at least five people.

Two other people were missing and "many" more were reported to have sustained minor injuries as officials in the worst affected areas of the North Island commandeered all available helicopters in the region to help assess the damage and to ferry supplies.

Radio Pacific, broadcasting from Auckland, reported "many people" injured and dozens of buildings, bridges and roads damaged in the quake that struck at 1:36pm and registered 6.5 on the Richter scale.

The earthquake was centred about nine miles offshore in the Bay of Plenty.

Television New Zealand said the quake was reported to have been strongest around

the town of Whakatane and that 95 percent of houses were damaged. The town is some 260 miles north-northwest of the capital.

Hundreds of residents fled their homes and road traffic was in chaos, with roads around Whakatane blocked in many places.

One witness said the "earth rolled like the sea". Others said homes and offices shook for more than 30 seconds.

Television New Zealand also quoted Civil Defence officials as saying that two forestry workers were seriously injured by falling trees, and that a motorist was badly hurt in a landslide. It added that two workers suffered injuries inside a factory.

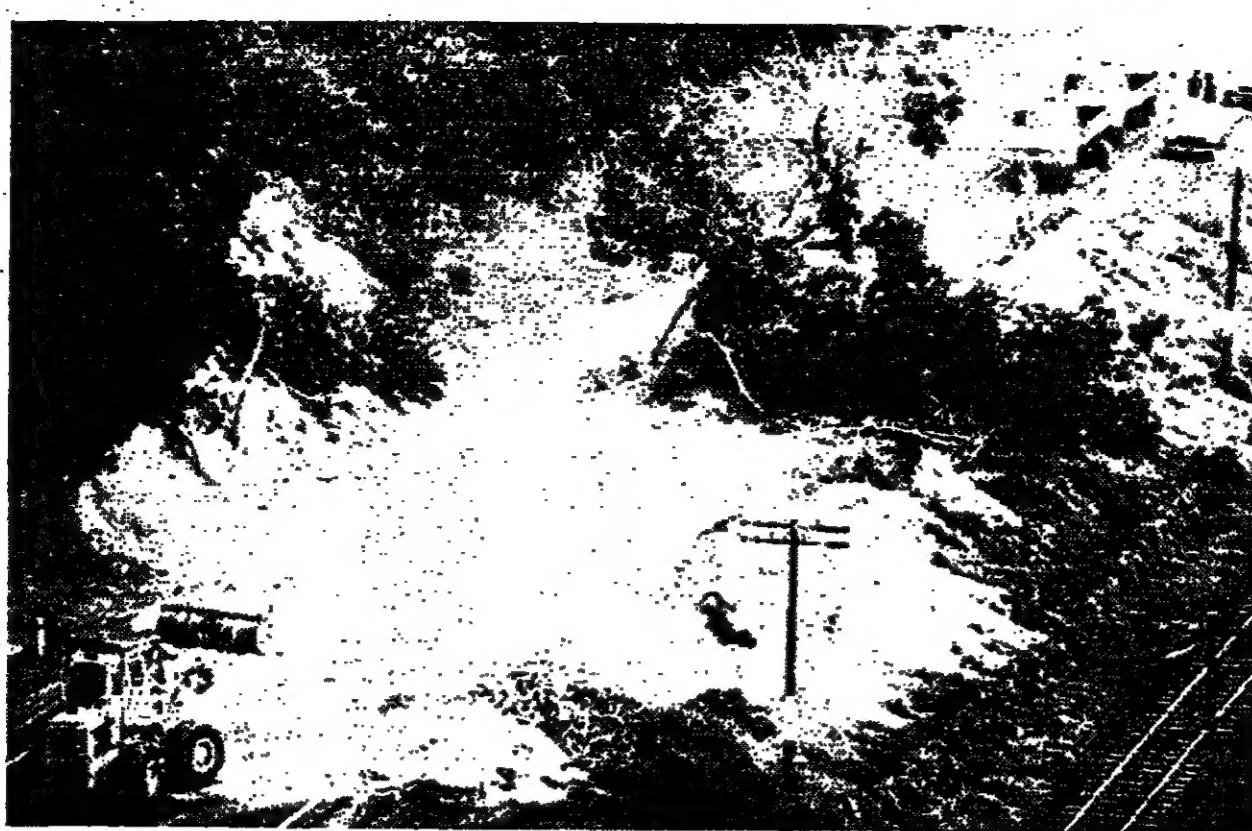
Whakatane's main bridge sank more than three feet and suffered extensive cracking in its structure, police said. The New Zealand Press Association said the control tower at Whakatane's airport was damaged and abandoned.

The agency also reported extensive damage in the town of Edgecombe. It said some homes collapsed and factories suffered serious damage.

It added that a fissure more than one mile long had sliced through farm land on the outskirts of Edgecombe.

"The crack, several metres deep and wide, missed houses by only metres but took with it driveways, swimming pools, milking sheds, power poles and bridges," it said.

Radio Pacific said there were also reports of damage



Earth-moving equipment clearing a landslide which blocked a road near Whakatane after yesterday's earthquake.

from Tauranga and Rotorua, where hospitals were on standby to accept patients from Whakatane Hospital, which was evacuated because of damage to the top of the building.

About 50,000 people live in the affected area, mostly rolling farmland and forest.

Aftershocks continued to be felt throughout the day. The

Seismological Observatory in Wellington reported more than 100 shocks, some so strong "it was difficult to stand", witnesses told the national television.

Civil Defence organizations issued warnings to people in the region to remain calm, stay indoors and take precautions against the aftershocks.

The Minister with respons-

ibility for civil defence, Mr Peter Tapsell, said military personnel were ready to assist in the emergency.

In the town of Kawerau two people were injured in the Tasman Pulp and Paper factory. New Zealand's only newsprint mill.

The radio said there was damage to road and rail links, bridges and forests, and that

power supplies were cut to several rural and forestry towns.

New Zealand's most disastrous earthquake also occurred on the east coast of the North Island. Measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, it hit Hawke's Bay, south of the Bay of Plenty and Whakatane, on February 3, 1931, and claimed 256 lives.

Japanese tax protests

Nakasone reforms run into trouble

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is running into serious problems with its tax reform proposals and the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, has warned that members who do not support the party line will be punished.

There were protest meetings throughout the country at the weekend prompted by the Government's plans to bring in a Japanese-style value-added tax. A rally in Tokyo attracted 70,000 protesters, the biggest such demonstration seen in the capital for more than a decade.

Opposition to the tax spans a broad spectrum of small and medium business people, trades union members and not a few ordinary members of the public who recall that Mr Nakasone went to the polls in July on a programme which excluded any large-scale tax increase. As expected, taxation is proving the Prime Minister's most difficult domestic issue, and his popularity rating has taken a nose-dive.

But perhaps more galling than the popular opposition to Mr Nakasone is the number of people in his own party who have spoken out against the tax since the Government attempted to start debate on next year's budget in the Diet. Mr Nakasone warned LDP men that it was a crucial time

for the party and that they should go along with party policy. The warning is taken to mean that anyone opposing the tax reform might find himself without party sponsorship at the next election or might not win promotion in the party.

Business in the Diet has been at a standstill for a month because of an opposition boycott in protest at the tax proposal. The budget cannot be approved without incorporation of the tax. The Government's budget timetable for the 1987 fiscal year is thus in a shambles.

Diet business is expected to resume later this week after the three principal opposition parties agreed to return. But they now have a united front against the tax and threaten a renewed boycott if they do not get satisfactory answers from the Government.

Another senior LDP executive warned yesterday that Japan's international credibility would be threatened if the budget was not approved quickly. Mr Shimaro Abe, chairman of the party's executive council, said the budget must be passed quickly and must include measures to stimulate the domestic economy as discussed with foreign central bankers at the recent Group of Seven meeting.

Haiti regime losing ground

Bishops back call for radical change

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

Haiti's conservative bishops have added their powerful voices to the rising chorus of dissident groups calling for greater political change.

Abandoning its caution during the first year since the overthrow of President Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, the Haitian Roman Catholic Church is gradually reasserting its authority over this turbulent Caribbean island of six million Catholics.

"For things to change, new men are needed," the bishops say in a recently published pastoral letter.

The Army-dominated transitional Government has resisted popular demands for former aides of the dictator to be removed from public office and for alleged political criminals to stand trial.

But as fledgling political parties struggle to prepare themselves for presidential elections later this year, the Army has also begun to reassert its authority with special powers of arrest and shows of military strength on the streets of the capital.

The Army and the Church were the only two Haitian institutions to survive the insurrection that toppled the 30-year dictatorship, foreign diplomats here agree.

Radical priests teaching the "theology of liberation" to the freedom-hungry youth of Haiti were at the forefront of the uprising, which was fuelled by news broadcasts by the Catholic radio station, Radio Soleil. When General Henri Namphy assumed command of the country, the Church officially adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

Though radical clergymen advocated complete political change, the bishops preached patience and reconciliation. The Church appeared to lose some of its influence.

But even as the bishops vacillated, Haitians flocked to growing numbers to listen to the radical messages of the liberation theologians.

There is standing room only on Sundays at the Church of St Jean Bosco, near one of the worst slums here. Inside, a jazz band plays, the congrega-

tion sways and joyful voices swell up, not in praise of the Lord, but in freedom songs. Hands are raised, not in prayer but in clenched-fist salutes.

The parish priest, Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, reads not from the Scriptures, but from a book of political verse — his own — calling for people to overturn the system that has oppressed them.

Father Aristide stirred the passions of Haiti's faithful masses in the days after Mr Duvalier's fall with a nationally-broadcast homily urging them to hunt down the Tontons Macoute as they



General Namphy: resisted purges and political trials

would hunt the Devil himself. Dozens of them were backed to death in the streets.

The nine bishops comprising Haiti's Episcopal Conference advocate a slower pace of change, but in their pastoral letter, read in churches on the anniversary of Mr Duvalier's fall, they also appear to have lost patience with the military Government.

"The basic task is to bring about the change that Haitians yearn for: not just a change of people but a change of mentality and of system," the letter concludes.

The bishops are careful to warn against "an imported ideology prone to atheist materialism". Rome's language for communism. They also warn against resignation and violence which could lead to "the establishment of a new dictatorship".

Laos: Civil servants in detention camps

By Caroline Moorehead

Two former civil servants, one a man in his mid-60s, have been in detention in the "re-education" camps of north-eastern Laos for more than 10 years.

Mr Pane Rassavong, an economist working for the Government, and Mr Viboun Abhay, principal private sec-

retary to the Minister of the National Economy in the early 1970s, are just two of the 6,000 to 7,000 people held prisoner since the establishment of the Democratic People's Republic of Laos in 1975. Those in detention were once members of the administration, police or armed forces of the Royal Government of Laos.

Both men spent many years in Camp 5, 50 miles east of Vientiane, the principal town of Houa Phan province, where they were made to undertake forced labour, clearing land for cultivation and repairing roads and bridges.

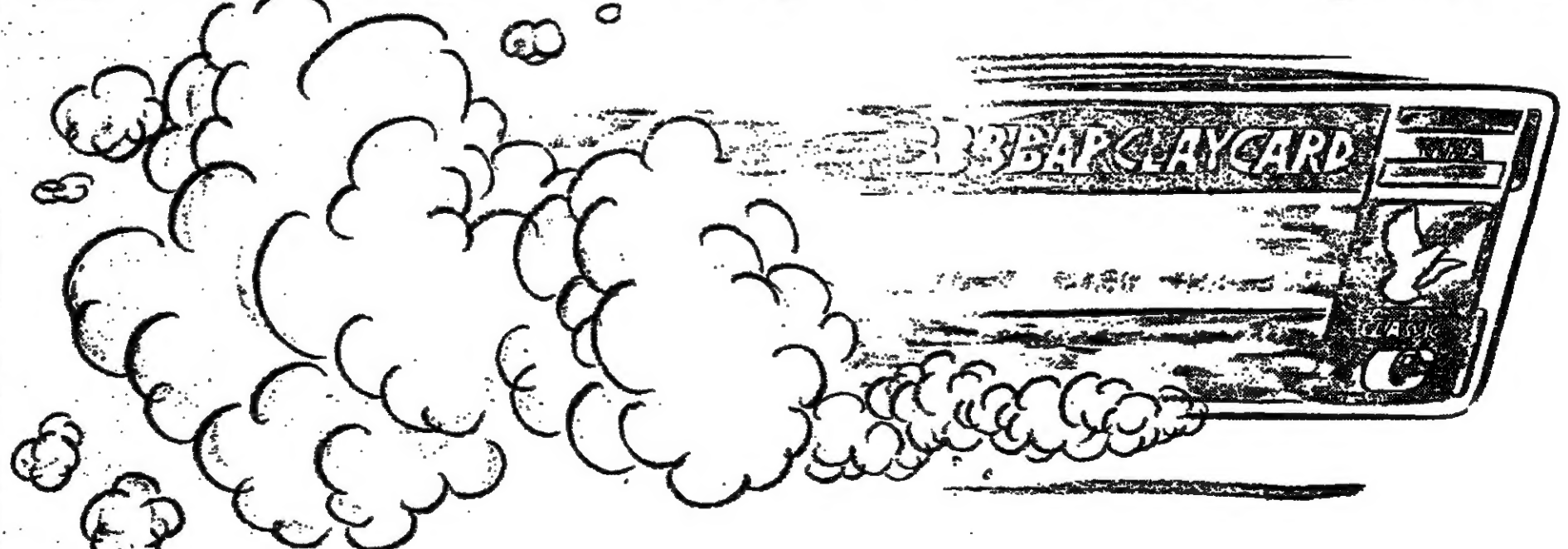
After the closure of Camp 05 in the early 1980s, they were told to continue their re-education building roads in a remote area of the province. Neither is allowed to leave their "unit", conditions of work are hard and dangerous and food is minimal.

When the DPRL was formed in 1975, between 10,000 and 15,000 people were taken into custody for re-education. It was first thought that the re-education — rehabilitation through political instruction and heavy physical work — would not last long. Indeed, between 1975 and 1982 at least 2,000 people were released.

Since then, however, a major restructuring of the process of re-education has taken place. Detainees have been reassigned to heavy labour projects, working in gangs of between five and 60 men, usually building roads.

Though many were "re-settled" there are reports that the numbers of detainees in strict camps has risen. In Attapeu province there are some 1,400 in work battalions.

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Under siege from a super-bug

THE GLOBAL OVERDOSE

Part 2: Fighting against infection

So resistant have bacteria become to antibiotics that a single infected patient can turn a

hospital into a hotbed of disease.

Continuing our series, we look at the latest advance in germ warfare

The London Hospital, a rambling collection of ageing buildings in one of the most depressed quarters of east London, possesses one luxury that many smarter hospitals cannot boast — a fully-staffed isolation ward.

This expensive resource has been proved necessary by the most graphic of tests. The hospital has suffered the most tenacious outbreak of resistant *staphylococcus* on record, disrupting surgery and jeopardizing recovery for its most vulnerable patients.

When the isolation ward was opened in 1984, the epidemic declined. The ward was promptly closed on grounds of expense. The exceptionally heavy staffing costs alone of such a ward approach £250,000 a year, but it was hurriedly reopened when the number of cases began to rise again.

At least a dozen London hospitals have had problems too, as well as many in the provinces. The super-bug has the impudence to strike at the heart of the citadel of modern medicine — high-technology teaching hospitals which provide specialist services to a whole region. It is a further irony that excessive use of antibiotics in the past has produced a strain of bacteria which most drugs are powerless to control.

It is a variety of a modest and ubiquitous parasite, an endemic unnoted germ which flourishes in our skin or up our noses and usually causes us no harm at all. But in hospital the effort and cost of keeping its resistant form at bay are a growing burden on the costliest sector of our health services. It can be carried on clothing, sheets, furniture and in dust as well as on the body. A ward cleared of infection can be re-infected by patients with no clinical symptoms, referred from another hospital and bringing the germ with them.

Often it is the doctors and nurses themselves who act as unwitting carriers, passing the infection to the very patients they

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seek to cure. One eminent surgeon in London was obliged some years ago to suspend himself from carrying out operations because he was infecting patients in two hospitals.

Some of the saddest effects occur when infection gets into surgical wounds. Hip replacement is a major operation which can bring relief from intense pain and crippling disability for sufferers from arthritis. But in about one case in a hundred, an operation which seems successful is ruined within months because, despite all precautions, a germ has entered the wound during surgery. Unless the germ can be completely killed off, repeat operations will fail in the same way.

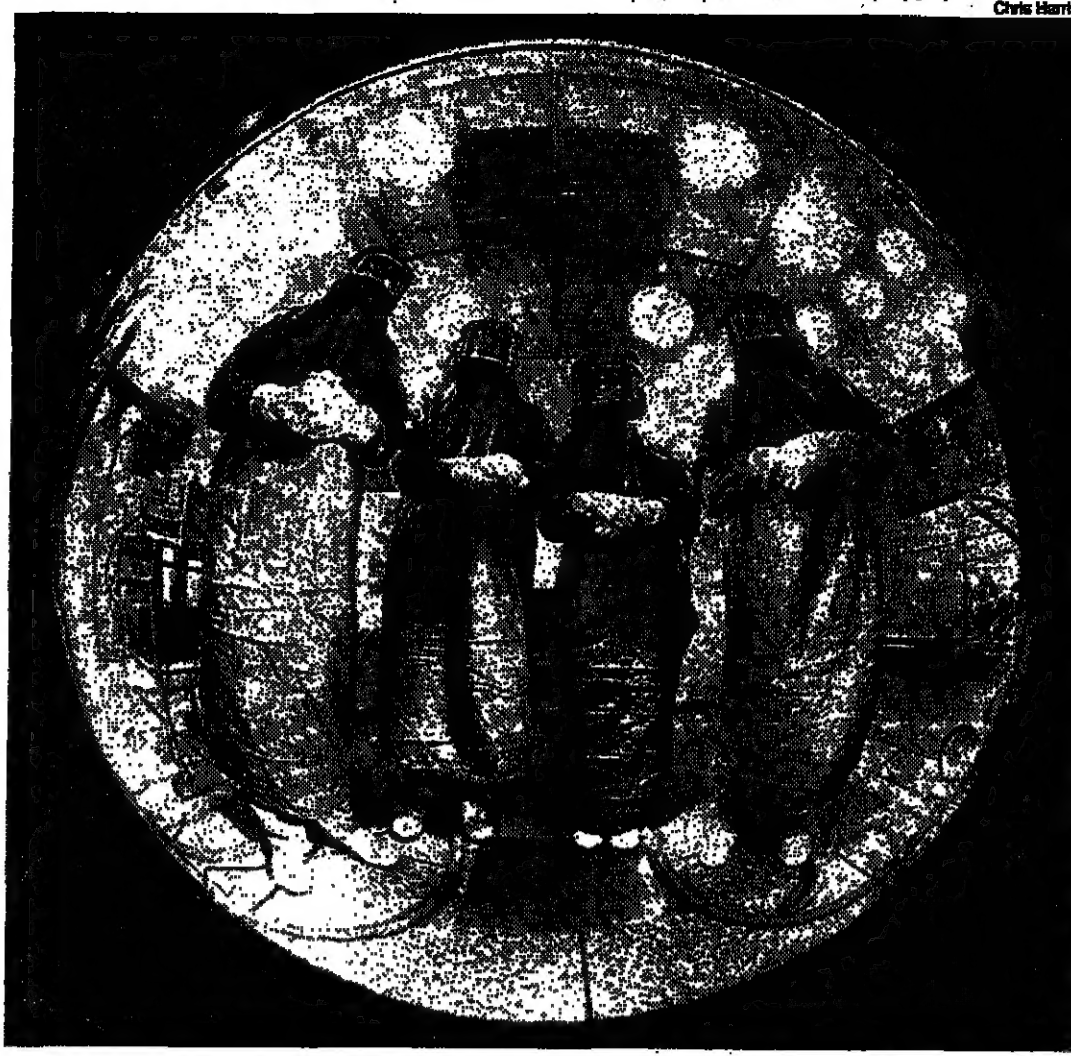
Until the advent of the new range of quinolone antibiotics, only one drug, vancomycin, expensive and difficult to administer, has been effective against the resistant strain.

Precautions to minimize the risk of a major outbreak occupy a growing part of the time and attention of hospital staff. At the London Hospital, non-urgent surgery has been suspended at times, for fear that the bacteria might infect wounds and ruin the operations. Several hundred patients and many staff have been infected over the years. The wards are seldom life-threatening in themselves, but have been a factor in the deaths of at least 20 patients at the hospital.

"The iller you are the more susceptible you are to any sort of organism," says Professor J.D. Williams, a microbiologist at the London Hospital. "It can be a life or death problem in such patients — it may be just the one thing that tips the balance."

Serious problems began in 1982 and by the middle of 1983 they were so grave that the regional hospital authority was persuaded reluctantly to allow an isolation ward.

Week by week we screened every single ward — 29 wards with about 30 patients in each, and staff too. It meant analysing thousands of swabs. The workload was absolutely tremendous," says Dr George Duckworth, secretary of a working party set up by the region to study the lessons of the outbreak. "Patients carrying the resistant



Undercover operation: surgeons and nurses in protective suits at the Wrightington centre for hip surgery

strain were removed to the isolation ward. After 16 weeks we had only four patients left in it and we were told that we could no longer have it because it was obviously very expensive to staff. We were allowed a side-bay off a surgical ward. But bit by bit the infection began to get out into the rest of the ward and cropped up again and again. Within two months we were able to make out a case for reopening the isolation ward. It has been in use ever since."

Today the infection is controllable, but entrenched. Whenever a patient shows symptoms of infection, all those round him are screened and carriers are put into isolation. Rigorous cleansing routines are observed all the time. But precautions on the ward are nothing to the precautions in the operating theatre.

"Some tissues of the body can harbour germs in a suspended animation state through life," says

Michael Freeman, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the London Hospital. "If a resistant germ gets into the bone, the chances of success in an operation almost vanish."

"We maintain a positive air pressure in the theatre so that dirty air cannot flow in. A trial some years ago showed the efficiency of this with these resistant germs, but most orthopaedic units in Britain still don't have it."

Some surgeons impose even more drastic precautions. At the Wrightington centre for hip surgery, near Manchester, the operation is done in an inner enclosure with a sterile air supply and with the patient's head sticking out. Every item inside the enclosure is sterile. The surgeons wear clothes like space-suits with their heads in plastic bubbles.

Alarming cost of coping with a killer

A large hospital under heavy attack from resistant *staphylococcus aureus* needs to spend up to £200,000 to equip itself with facilities — rare in today's hospitals — to fight the infection. Thereafter, it will need £300,000 a year for day-to-day costs. An isolation ward made by converting an ordinary ward would cost a minimum of

£200,000. A purpose-built ward of the highest standard, with separate rooms and controls against air-borne infection, would cost £200,000. An isolation ward needs unusually heavy staffing: for a ward with 15 beds it would cost up to £250,000 a year. The only effective established antibiotic, vancomycin, is one of the costliest drugs in use. Pa-

tients with clinical symptoms each need a course of about a week, costing £250-£300. Cost of extra linen, disposal of contaminated items and other expenses can amount to £10,000. Laboratory time: screening swabs for signs of infection — about half the time of one laboratory scientific officer — would cost another £6,000 a year.

THE RACE TO STAY AHEAD

Quinolone: family with a future?

The arrival of the new quinolone family of antibiotics appears to guarantee an onward march of discovery after discovery. Every time bacteria evolve a resistance, it seems, the chemists devise something new to outflank them.

But there is no inevitability about this and there are some indications of diminishing returns. Alarm about abuse of antibiotics is based ultimately on the fear that one day bacteria may come up with a mutation to which the chemists have no answer — as the viral world has done in the case of Aids.

Germans are endlessly ingenious in evolving new defences. Modern medicine is a perpetual race between the germs' powers of transformation and the researchers' ingenuity.

New drugs are still being developed in large numbers, but increasingly often they are basically improved versions of existing ones. The number of products launched annually by the drug companies containing new chemical entities for therapeutic use has halved since the fertile years of the 1940s and 1950s.

The cost of developing them has risen, partly because much stronger safeguards against adverse side-effects are rightly required today. It is usual for a new drug to have cost its manufacturer £20 million before it reaches the market.

The new family of quinolones are not being hailed today with quite the unbridled satisfaction that innovations met in the past. Their cost reflects the high expense of developing modern medicines. Critics point out that it is very convenient for the drug companies that resistances should crop up to reduce the usefulness of old, cheap, out-of-copyright drugs while new ones are coming along.

In Japan, where the use of quinolones is already widespread, their popularity among doctors is allegedly not unconnected with the fact that using costly drugs rather than cheap ones earns them higher rewards.

But the new group promises to be invaluable in the treatment of a wide spectrum of diseases ranging from bronchitis and cystitis to resistant strains of *staphylococcus* and *pseudomonas*. It has been found to be effective in the treatment of gonorrhoea, and when used against resistant infections has the advantage that it can be taken by mouth.

Side effects have been few, as yet, although it is only in general use that side effects become fully apparent. The pioneering work on the pharmacology and microbiology of one of the group which is now available, Ciprofloxacin, was carried out in Birmingham. In all there are about 15 drugs in the group at various stages of development.

Professor John Smith, of the School of Pharmacy in London, is one of those who has played a significant part in demonstrating the unusual behaviour of the quinolones. Their action suggests that they will not be as susceptible as earlier drugs to resistance passed on by plasmids, tiny particles which can be passed from one species of germ to another.

For the longer term, a new research programme was launched two months ago to capitalize on British advances in genetic engineering. A programme costing £1.4 million over the next three years was started by the Science and Engineering Research Council and the Department of Trade and Industry. It is designed to stimulate collaboration between universities and companies such as Beecham, Glaxo and ICI.

A research group at Manchester University's Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) is studying the mechanism which make self-living organisms and moulds produce antibiotics in the first place. It would be valuable to understand how and why they put their energy into doing so instead of into growth. The group are breeding strains of the parent organisms which have an ability to retain plasmids with extra genes for the production of antibiotics.



Lifesaver: quinolone antibiotics

They are also developing "jumping genes" called transposons, which can cause mutations in the organisms.

Much of this work promises considerable rewards, but it is a long and painstaking business. The quick and dramatic discoveries of the early years of antibiotics have passed into history. The new generations of antibiotics are unlikely to be as magical in their effects as those earlier drugs once were — before misuse threw away much of the virtue of some of the greatest weapons medicine has ever had.

TOMORROW

Bitter harvest: how farmers killed the wonder cure

Every skier's nightmare

The French chairlift tragedy this weekend inevitably prompts wider questions of safety. Gavin Bell reports

There is an old saying to the effect that ski lifts are built in Switzerland, passed on to Austria, sold again to France and end up in Italy. This may once have been true — indeed, the accident in which 36 people were injured at Les Orres in the Haute Alpes two months ago occurred on a lift which had done its own version of the "white circus". But it certainly does not apply to the four-person high-speed chairlift on which five people died at Luz-Ardiden in the French Pyrenees at the weekend — an accident which must have sent a shudder through every ski queue in Europe.

This one seems to have been caused by a banal flaw in the installation of an ultra-modern system. Rigorous safety checks and an electronic surveillance device, designed to detect any weakness in the system, were rendered impotent — by a poor mixture of concrete.

Investigators believe it happened when a concrete plinth supporting a pylon on a high ridge split and then shattered under the tension of skiers travelling above.

The manufacturers, Montaz Mautino of Grenoble, described it as a freak accident for which nobody could have been prepared. A spokesman said the system conformed to French safety regulations, which he said were the most stringent in Europe.

It was also equipped with a computer to warn its operator of any potential fault or weakness. "But there was no way it could have told him of a weak concrete base," the manufacturers said. "This was not our responsibility."

The basic design of chairlifts has not altered since they

were first introduced in the United States more than 30 years ago. According to manufacturers, however, advances in technology have rendered them progressively safer than their frail appearance suggests. The main improvements have been in strengthening the pylons and cables, and in more sophisticated security checks.

Jacques Porter, a senior engineer with the biggest French manufacturer, Pomagalski (whose founder invented the button, or "Poma", lift), said yesterday: "Our systems are checked on installation, and then every year for 15 years. We then recommend operators to dismantle them completely for a more thorough inspection."

The most recent innovation is a computer which scans gondola lifts for 1,200 poten-

"Our systems are checked on installation, and then every year"

tial faults. M. Porter says the trend is to make larger seats and smaller cabins which can transport up to 3,600 people per hour. This involves greater research and expenditure on equipment, thereby increasing the safety margin. Cables are designed to take a strain of 4.5 times their maximum load, and the pylons are capable of taking more than double the stress of normal operation.

In this case, it appears not to have been a fault with the equipment as such," he said. "We have never heard of such a thing happening before. However we are obviously checking our installations."

The main change in recent years has been from seats fixed



First thoughts: experts look at the debris of the concrete plinth

to a cable to detachable systems. In the latter, the grip is automatically released from the cable when the chair enters a station, and recoupled when it leaves. This allows passengers to travel at five metres per second, twice the speed of the old system. However, M. Porter says safety is not affected: "We have never had any problem with the grips."

For skiers in Scotland, the biggest danger is high winds sweeping across the Cairngorms. Bill Smith, operations manager at the Aviemore centre, says its systems are halted when winds exceed 30 knots — effectively putting the higher lifts out of action for about a third of the season.

Despite generally high standards of manufacture, some ski resorts are known to have purchased systems with sub-standard engineering which has subsequently failed, fortunately not always with disastrous results.

"It is a highly technical business, and I doubt if many people know what they are buying," one knowledgeable observer said. "Really, they just have to trust the manufacturer."

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Classic clothes do not date; but, says June Marsh, this does not mean they are dull

The term "classic" is too often used to describe the kind of clothes that are not in the swing of high fashion. It's a definition of simple, low-profile dressing unfairly associated with dullness.

How you wear classic clothes is as important as what you wear. They have a neutrality which does not impose on your character, giving ample opportunity for improvisation, yet they have a permanent place in fashion because their shape can never be bettered. By the very nature of their enduring quality, classics tend to cost more. The difference is that they will never become obsolete, if you choose with care. I have an Yves Saint Laurent black gabardine coat-dress, bought four years ago, which is still in perpetual use today. In summer it can be worn belted or loose for day, or for going out to dinner. In cooler weather it acts as an elongated jacket or as a lightweight coat.

In a season where jackets shape up the new proportions, favourites turn out to be classics after all. The safari jacket with epaulettes, breast and hip pockets, back pleat and belt has made its way from the streets to international couture houses this spring. Jasper Conran takes the idea a step further in fine navy wool, evoking the refined lines of the Thirties. In beige silk shantung, the same jacket brings day-to-night possibilities. Its tailored lines can be teamed with a long, circular silk skirt, instead of the obvious shorts or slim skirt.

The jeans jacket has been cropped to bolero length; worn with bustier and bouffant skirt, it gives new spark to casual dressing. The potential of the jeans jacket has been further exploited in black, brown, cream and even pink denim. But if denim can only exist in its pure form in faded blue, there is snow-washed to replace stone-washed, and a neat idea shown off by Eddie Kidd: line your original Levi



jeans jacket in a wild print, as seen in the current Liberty advertising campaign.

A well-cut blazer with patch pockets and brass buttons remains the backbone of many a wardrobe — it may age, but will never date. This year it can partner all the new skirt shapes, trousers, blue jeans or shorts.

Look for blazers with good shoulder-lines, not too sharp or padded, that softly hug the waist and are made in good quality cloth. Jean-Paul Gaultier leads the way for change again, making one with short, puffy sleeves.

opted for the longer lengths in plain or striped cotton, excellent value at £33 the set.

A white cotton, linen or silk shirt is the mainstay of high performance dressing. If you cannot afford to spend much, look for the best white shirt you can find. The one photographed is by Ralph Lauren in fine white cotton, with a classic button-down collar and a navy blue monogram embroidered on the pocket.

Other good sources for the best shirts are often to be found in men's shops, such as Hacketts, Turnbull & Asser and Next.

Sometimes it takes a French designer to twist British tradition successfully into a high fashion look. Cacharel's updated trench coat harks back to its classic prototype, but is shorter (well above the knee), and in black and white puppy-tooth check. Nonchalantly belted, it looks fresh and modern; Aquascutum's trench alternative, though longer, is also quite a departure from the usual classic, made in cream and black spotted cotton, the details punctuated with chic brass buttons.



Above: White cotton shirt, £65; silk trousers, £245; navy/white silk tie, £28. All from Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1. Earrings from Liberty, W1. Above left: Safari jacket by Jasper Conran, £212; silk skirt, £310; scarf, £43, all from a selection at Jasper Conran Shop, 37 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Harvey Nichols, SW1; Image, Bath. Black shoes, £47.99 from all branches of Hobbs. Top right: Navy blazer, £209; white cotton piqué jacket, £110. Both from Aquascutum, W1 and Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1. Finestrip shorts £47.95 by Reldan, from Selfridges, W1. Gloves by Dents, £9.99 from branches of Alders. Right: Check trench coat, £220; stripe jacket, £150, matching skirt, £75. All by Cacharel, 103 New Bond Street, W1; 46 Golders Green Road, NW11. Black and white shoes, £45.99 from Russell & Bromley. Bangles, £12.95 each, Liberty, W1. Hair by JOEL O' SULLIVAN for Schumi. Make-up: ARIANE POOLE. Photographs by JOHN SWANNELL.



Dreams of easy dressing

Polly Hamilton has mastered the technique of designing luxurious clothes for all sizes

Ideas and inspiration come in strange ways: designer Polly Hamilton's came in a dream so lucid that she went to an expert to have it translated. "Now it sounds really flip-pant," she says. "But it was such a wonderful, creative dream — I saw the things that I was going to make, people were wearing them and they were terribly happy." The dream came to Hamilton three years ago. Today, open any glossy British fashion magazine and you will see her name in the credits on pictures of beautiful models wearing clothes with confidence and ease.

Hamilton is fast on her way to becoming the darling of luxury dressing. She uses only the best fabrics: silk satin shirts and vests are drawn from the simplest lines.

Pleated chiffon skirts dance full circle and cashmere knitwear clings like a second skin — all in delicious pastels, creams and milky browns for summer. There are wrap skirts, easy trousers and a fine linen shirt and, by clever cutting, one size fits all. Skirts are given elasticated waists, trousers have wide loop bands to eliminate fluctuations in weight.

Hamilton has emerged from a background that has given her an insight to the fashion needs of modern working women. In the Sixties when she was extremely young, she modelled in Paris. Her next brush with fashion was in retailing — opening Browns in South Molton Street at the precocious age of 22.

"It was the right time to do it; the Sixties had swung and



Left: Polly Hamilton, and right, her silk vest, £108; trousers, £228; cashmere cardigan, £444; shirt, £224. All from The Beauchamp Place Shop, SW1; Pollyanna, Bamsley, Yorks.



design ideas were getting a formal tacky, but I was too young and inexperienced to make a success of it then," she recalls. Three years later, the shop was sold to the Bursteins and she took off to become a fashion editor on *Vogue* magazine and then to *Vogue*.

Going back to something she enjoyed as a hobby — making clothes for her friends — proved to be most satisfying. The one-offs she made became pieces. Repeat orders were demanded of "the skirt" or the "little white blouse" in different fabrics, prompting her to join up with a partner, Vicky Edwards. Edwards, having been apprenticed to the House of Worth, matches Hamilton's enthusiasm and

design ideas with a formal knowledge of cutting and production.

The two will be selling their fourth collection this month and hope to encourage cautious buyers to provide a wider market for their designs.

Patsie Blair, owner of the Beauchamp Place Shop, has sold the Hamilton line from the beginning. "The women who buy are those who prefer to invest in just a few good pieces; not enormously young, they are career women who lead busy lives, often with the need to go out after a long day at work — Polly understands this. Her clothes fit perfectly into their lifestyles. The chamber dress in the summer collection has already sold out;

at £310 it is a major investment, but it is a dress in which you can travel, go out to dinner and still wear it happily all summer long."

Hamilton says she designs for "women like myself. Pretensions clothes do not interest me. I try to inject a youthful spirit into the designs, though they seem to work best on women between 25 and 50 who have been through the experimental stages of dressing and know what suits them. They earn their own money and dress to please themselves."

Her winter collection colours are rich mustard, navy, tomato, ginger and olive. There are horizontal-stripe tops simply shaped, with plain or striped tube skirts to match, offered in two lengths — long or on-the-knee, in wool jersey. There's a big camel coat with fake-fur lining, a nice trench and a kimono-sleeve wrap coat. Cashmere tops will echo the new colours and look good with soft check button-through skirts, again in two lengths.

There are more casual designs in a big fat corduroy for soft trousers; shirts are in fine needlecord in the same spicy shades. There are sheepskin jackets and coats in specially dyed colours. Hamilton fans will not be disappointed.

PEOPLE

Hats off to the girls

Talent spotters should take their hats off to master milliner David Shilling, whose annual unveiling of couture creations takes place tomorrow. Apart from previewing the best hats for Ascot, invited guests can gamble on the careers of the pretty young things modelling Shilling's hats. Not that Shilling sees himself as a modern-day Svengali: "I do seem to have something of a track record, but it's all pure coincidence." Among those for whom the Shilling catwalk has been a launch pad to greater things are Joanna Percy who achieved the title of Deb of the Year and went on to a glittering modelling career; Maryam d'Abo, the latest Bond girl; Cuddy Day, who graduates from Head Girl in ITV's controversial *Hardwicke House* to a new role in *EastEnders* next month; Katie Rabbett and Annabel Heseltine.



Shilling to star: new James Bond girl Maryam d'Abo

Leg lines

When the Helena Rubenstein cosmetic company launched their new hosiery collection earlier this month, champagne flowed and leggy girls, clad in mink and 10 denier seamed stockings, draped themselves across the bonnet of a silver Rolls-Royce. *Couture* hosiery are also driving home glamour as the message; Marie Helvin has been signed up for a year to promote their new collection, which will be launched next week with an exhibition which includes pictures of Marie taken by her ex-husband, David Bailey.

Marie Helvin will have her work cut out with Couture's contract as well as her new role as co-presenter of TV's *Frocks on the Box*. Let's hope she doesn't snag her thighs on her diamond-studded ladder.

T for you

Michael Roberts, man-of-all-trades, will be extending his camp humour to T-shirts for fashion entrepreneur Joseph Exter-gui's newest "clothes as art" outlet in Draycott Avenue. Roberts is just back from a fact-finding mission to Los Angeles, where he discovered the LA T-Shirt Museum. "A kind of living pop art," is how he describes this essential uniform for the surfing elite. The T-Shirt Shop will sell six designs in a limited edition of 100 each. Roberts is keeping his design ideas close to his chest, but if his rampant nigger prints of two summers ago are anything to go by, Roberts's fashion message will be a far remove from the bold political slogans of Katharine Hammett, a legend in her own T-shirt.

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Band stand

Paul Simon is not the only songster to fall foul of the vagaries of the United Nations cultural boycott of South Africa. A six-month tour by an eight-member black band from South Africa has just been cancelled, thanks to a ruling from the African National Congress in London that it should be subject to the boycott. Amampondo were to have played both in Glasgow's Mayfest and at the Edinburgh Festival. Yesterday, a Mayfest spokesman said the ANC verdict had to be accepted, but countered suggestions that the band, which played to huge crowds in Edinburgh last summer, was apologetic. "One of their songs is called 'State of Emergency'. It all seems to me really silly," she said. Curiously, earlier this year a black South African production of *Bohema* at the National Theatre escaped the curse. The ANC explained yesterday that it waited to be asked before proffering its opinions on productions.

Traffic cop

In contrast with the cerebral reputation of Sir Kenneth Newman, the Met's next commissioner, Peter Imbert, is not afraid of driving his hands on duty. During his spell as chief constable of Thames Valley Police, Imbert once found himself caught in heavy traffic on the way to a reception in Berkshire. Increasingly anxious that he would miss the do, Imbert - dressed in full evening dress - leapt out of his chauffeur-driven Jaguar and marched to the front of the queue to direct the traffic. Nor was that the only such occasion, he told me yesterday. "My chauffeur and I once came across an overturned car on a narrow, twisting lane and did not duty at both ends until two detectives came along and took over."

Dining room

The Young Liberals have made a small change to the itinerary of their National Youth Day tomorrow. Originally - slotted between tours of Parliament, appearances by David Steel and dancing at the London Hippodrome - the fresh-faced idealists had planned a vigil outside the South African Embassy. While the rest of the programme remains intact, the vigil has now been cancelled. "It didn't give us time for supper," explained a spokesman.

Two, too

The worst nightmare of every apartheid supporter comes true next Monday with the arrival of two Desmond Tutus at Church House, Westminster. Tutu II is a wax dummy of the Archbishop bound for display in Madame Tussaud's. Tutu I is attending a reception of the Anglican Consultative Council at Church House and the museum is taking the opportunity of showing him his handiwork. He is the first South African politician to have an effigy on display at Tussaud's since it mobbed Jan Smuts in 1956.

Left foot

Fortune is still refusing to smile on Her Majesty's Opposition. By chance, this afternoon's Prime Minister's Question Time Labour's twice-weekly opportunity to trip the PM - has been hijacked by supporters of Militant Tendency. The names of Terry Fields and David Nellist appear second and third on the order paper of questions. With Labour in turmoil over the selection of far-left parliamentary candidates, it should not take too much ingenuity for Mrs Thatcher to turn their remarks to useful effect.

BARRY FANTONI



'Looks like one for the Pools Panel'

Even Stevens

Jocelyn Stevens, the Fleet Street executive turned controversial rector of the Royal College of Art, must have mixed feelings about the success of a second-year student, Doug James. His design for the college's 150th anniversary letterhead, which Stevens rejected, has just been nominated for the Design and Art Direction Awards, the Oscars of the design world. Stevens's favoured design - a bland, two-colour logo depicting the number 87, drawn up by a professional design firm - has been dismissed by the judges. The D&AD chairman, Edward Booth-Barbican, puts down James's success at least in part to his professor at the RCA, Guri Dunbar. "We are most impressed that Dunbar's students can be compared against professionals," he told me. Stevens, as I reported last week, has refused to renew Dunbar's contract. PHS

Keeping pay rises in perspective

by Graham Mather

Equally, if Britain's unit labour costs are compared with those of economies like Singapore, Taiwan, Korea and Hong Kong, our relative position, which deteriorated dramatically during the 1970s, looks to have stabilised since 1979.

Of course there must be scope for further improvements. These tend to be more relevant to individual businesses than national deliberation. Clearer contracts of employment, better job targets for employees, better understood links between pay and performance, can all help. A tax advantage for profit-related pay in the Budget could do little harm and would be widely welcomed.

Yet there is a British pay problem that should be of concern to the NEDC. It is in the public sector. Public-sector pay levels have continued to exceed private-sector rates: in 1986 average public sector pay at £208.60 a week was still 0.8 per cent above the average private sector level. The *IRS Pay and Benefits Bulletin* shows public sector pay rises in the year to January 1987 running at 6 per cent, noticeably ahead of private industry.

In its last expenditure plans the Government said that it wished "to see the development of greater flexibility, for example in the linking of pay to performance and in relating pay to different areas more closely to local labour market conditions". But progress has been slow. Many public sector trades union leaders are opposed to regional pay differentiation.

Ministers have just one ultimate constraint on public sector pay: cash limits. In the interests of managing the public sector better, specific pay targets have been dropped in favour of overall cash control. Yet this more flexible approach is also risky. As the Government's expenditure plans put it: "If pay increases overall are unrealistically high, there will be less money available for other purposes, and services, investment and employment will be the less."

The question must now be asked: is this good enough? With the public sector still dominating education, health and social insurance, must its continuing inability to match skills to pay, and pay to locality, be accepted indefinitely?

It is futile for government, as government, to set overall pay norms. But government as employer, and government as quasi-monopolist supplier of services, has a responsibility not to let institutional rigidities and powerful unions mean that "services, investment and employment will be the less."

Current public spending plans suggest that there is provision for public sector pay to rise by over 6.5 per cent in the coming year. That is an upward trend on last year. If it was in the private sector such an increase would lead, in the present climate, to raised eyebrows and caustic utterances.

The NEDC may refrain from these thoughts. Yet it should consider seriously whether it believes that pay rises of the scale now occurring in the public sector are in line with real improvements in the productivity and performance of the sector overall.

It should ask whether the performance-related pay and local and regional differentials that have spread in the private sector should not extend more quickly to public sector employees: as reward for achievement, recognition of skills, and incentive for effort. And it should ask itself, forsaking the temptation to issue more general advice to the private sector, what more government should actually do to put such advice into practice in the one part of the pay market that it can, as employer, directly affect.

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Andrew McEwen on Mrs Thatcher's vastly changed Moscow prospect

Arms and the woman

The prospects for Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow at the end of the month have been radically changed by Mikhail Gorbachev's offer to remove the main stumbling block to an East-West deal on medium-range missiles. Whitehall became a canyon of outdated assumptions and discarded briefing papers yesterday as the Prime Minister's advisers returned to the drawing board.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, produced a considered and positive initial reaction to the Gorbachev offer, but not even he could be sure what it meant for the visit. Would the Thatcher-Gorbachev summit play a pivotal role? If so, how? What effect could it have on election timing? Could it affect voting intentions?

The first priority was to clear out the policy deadwood. Into the bin went a high-priority plan that Mrs Thatcher should chisel away at the Soviet leader's obstinate insistence on linking military systems. She had been expected to tell him that it was illogical to hold a readily achievable deal on INF (Intermediate Nuclear Forces) hostage to SDI (the Strategic Defence Initiative, or Star Wars). Moscow's announcement on Saturday night spared her the trouble.

Gorbachev's initiative threw into question an equally long assumption - that the summit was unlikely to produce clearly visible progress on arms control (though its behind-the-scenes effects might be substantial). Her advisers saw it as coming at an important juncture, but not one ripe for a breakthrough. Attempts were being made to lower expectations and emphasize that only superpowers could strike arms control agreements.

The third assumption to go into the bin was that the visit would have an "electoral flavour" but would probably not influence general election voting intentions. While useful as a stage for her statesmanship, Moscow was not going to produce anything to compete with domestic bread-and-butter issues. But then practically no one last week seriously expected seismic events in Moscow. The realistic consensus was that the Prime Minister would demonstrate that Gorbachev was indeed a man with whom she could do business, while cementing the improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations that has been achieved since 1979.

Contrast this with part of a statement made yesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, who will accompany Mrs Thatcher. "These talks in the first place will be for the US and Soviet negotiators at Geneva, but Britain will play its part in talks with the Russians, including during the Prime Minister's visit to Moscow later this month." In other words, hopes for a visibly useful Thatcher role have increased.

Gorbachev's capacity for springing surprises has been matched only by his ability to keep the West guessing. Whitehall now faces a brief-writer's nightmare: events in Geneva, assuming the talks are extended, could move so fast that all preparations made more than 24 hours before the Prime Minister leaves will be redundant.

Although the deal that Gorbachev has said he is ready to sign was agreed in principle at Reykjavik, a host of important technical details remain to be sorted. The strategic arms talks in Geneva could clear up some of these before her visit, but the history of arms control deals suggests that repeated top-level steering will be needed to keep Geneva on course. Mrs Thatcher's visit could be ideally timed for such steering. But she will probably not know her precise role until the last moment.

Even an intermediate-missile agreement concluded exclusively between the superpowers could have a valuable electoral spin-off. Sir Geoffrey argued yesterday that Gorbachev's decision demonstrated that the West's 1983 decision to deploy cruise and Pershing 2 missiles had been justified. Provided a treaty appears within grasp when Britain goes to the polls, the Government will be able to say that its policy of negotiating from strength has worked.

Whether events in Geneva deny Mrs Thatcher a key arms-control role or not, it is clear that Moscow attaches great importance to her visit. The flatteringly long audience given by Gorbachev to Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador to Moscow, to discuss the visit removed any doubt about that. As the longest-serving British prime minister since the war, Mrs Thatcher, as a lecturer in Soviet affairs pointed out last week, represents continuity in Soviet eyes. If she wins the



election she will also provide a bridge between President Reagan and the next incumbent of the White House.

An Oxford academic commented: "Their ideological preference for a Labour government might be balanced by the usefulness of Mrs Thatcher, in that she has more influence in Washington. They see the Reagan Administration as being divided between pragmatic conservatives and ideological conservatives."

Events could move so fast that all preparations made more than 24 hours in advance will be redundant

As a force for pragmatism on the Star Wars issue, Mrs Thatcher has been remarkably effective. Gorbachev's statement showed that he has not abandoned his hopes of talking the Americans out of Star Wars, although no longer linking it to INF.

The last time a British prime minister went to Moscow for anything but a funeral it was unfeasible to hope that this country might return to the international first division. Twelve years ago this month Harold Wilson and Leonid Brezhnev, sitting side by side in the grandeur of a pink and golden Kremlin ceremonial hall, signed documents intended to usher in "a new phase in Anglo-Soviet relations".

So modest were the expectations that it was thought a great success. A *Times* leader noted with open surprise: "The Russians appear to have decided that Britain is important", and our diplomat correspondent, David Woollam, asked: "Why should the Soviet Union, with its superpower strengths and preoccupations, bother to take the British so seriously?"

The formal, courteous welcome Brezhnev gave Wilson will not be repeated unless some unexpected cloud appears on Anglo-Soviet relations before the end of March. Rather it will be a forceful but friendly exchange between unflinching advocates of competing political ideologies.

Mrs Thatcher will go to Moscow convinced that her 1984 assessment of Gorbachev has been borne out by his policies of *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring). She hopes to show that he is indeed a man with whom she can do business.

ask them to stand aside) creates a "massive imbalance".

The Government has now taken steps to ward off attacks on what is potentially its weakest spot. It intends, for the first time, to fetter the Crown right to stand by, confining its use to certain cases. These are cases where there is vetting of jurors (potential jurors' backgrounds are screened by Special Branch officers in sensitive cases or terrorist trials); and where a juror about to be sworn in is "manifestly unfit" because he is illiterate and the case is complex and difficult.

The Government would concede, if MPs want it, that this second method should be used only with both defence and prosecution agreement. How far this curb will reduce opposition will be seen today. There is a strong case, that the challenge should stay, perhaps scaled down in number, where there are multiple defendants.

The Government will have to convince its critics that removing the challenge so that the system is devoid of flexibility will not just reinforce distrust in the criminal justice system among those coming before it. It is certain to argue that to leave the challenge alone, now exposed in all its crude workings, is likely to cause much more damage.

Correction

Tom Bower's book *The Paperclip Conspiracy* did not suggest that Hermann Treutler had worked with slave labour (he was yesterday), only that he had been a voluntary member of the Nazi brownshirts.

Michael Meadowcroft

The US hi-tech stranglehold

Ponder the following unlikely scenario: the Conservatives, usually regarded as the most nationalistic party, permit increasing encroachment on British legal sovereignty and jurisdiction by an American administration determined to regulate the information-technology market for its own commercial interests. The Labour party, despite being generally thought more anti-American, shows hardly any interest in the subject. The Alliance, which prides itself on being the most international of the three, is, however, the most vociferous advocate for British interests.

There, with only a scorpion of caricature, you have the political line-up on the highly topical issue of extra-territoriality. It is the kind of issue that is complex enough to inhibit most politicians and journalists from grappling with its technicalities. And yet, once grasped, it is so blindingly simple and obvious that one is puzzled that it is allowed to continue a moment longer.

Essentially, extra-territoriality is the attempt by one country to enforce its national laws within the territory of another. One would get fairly short shrift resisting arrest in Moscow for currency offences on the ground that as a British citizen one had to follow British law. It would evoke even less KGB sympathy to claim that the Russian one had been caught dealing with had also to obey British law because the currency or goods were British in origin.

This is not too far from what is happening in the lucrative world of information technology. Most high technology worldwide either originates in, or utilizes designs from, the United States. Because of its dominant position the US is able to use illegitimate means in its attempt to control trade in high technology. The means used are the Export Administration Rules enforced by the Department of Commerce in Washington. Under these rules the US claims that any high-technology package that contains any American kit must have an export licence, even if moved within the UK. A typical example of this can be seen in the British government's struggle over the Awas contracts, which the US wanted to keep firmly within its own restrictions.

These claims are illegitimate and are unenforceable in law. But they are generally effective because they are backed by the threat that those who defy them will be placed on a "denials list" maintained by the Department of Commerce, which effectively cuts off supplies.

Note that the fact that the immediate supplier may be a UK subsidiary of a US company makes no difference in law. Whatever the pressure from a parent company, the appropriate law is that of the country of location. It was, indeed, in relation to the biggest such parent company, IBM, that the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, wrote in 1985 an explicit rejection of extra-territoriality. He described IBM's

claims as "unwarranted encroachments on UK jurisdiction and contrary to international law".

But still it continues, with our government either unwilling or impotent to defend British companies that are harmed by the pressure but are far too small to take action on their own.

Here I must set out the sole area of agreed restriction. There has been an agreement since 1949 between the Nato countries, minus Iceland but plus Japan, to deny technology of potential military use to the eastern bloc countries. Known as Cocom, it is neither effective nor, in my opinion, justified in its extent; but it is a multilateral agreement and therefore legitimate. However, Cocom's legitimacy serves only to demonstrate the illegitimacy of other US action.

One company in contact with me secured a contract to supply Singapore with computer equipment to the value of £500,000. It obtained the necessary UK export licence within days but waited in vain for three months for the US re-export licence. Eventually, rather than risk losing follow-on orders, it shipped the equipment without the US document. By a strange coincidence it is facing serious allegations of copyright infringement that have threatened the company's survival.

Despite all the detailed evidence and the outspoken support of virtually all the specialist press and the companies involved, nobody wants to know. Geoffrey Patte and Alan Clark, the two ministers responsible, express sympathy but do nothing. A government that sows the wind of market forces reaps the whirlwind of exploitation.

The most recent abdication of responsibility was a statement on February 19 that under certain circumstances US auditors would be permitted to examine the books of British companies, if the companies agreed. One might just as well suggest that social fraud claimants will have the right to refuse entry to DHSS officers and yet still receive help.

This issue is important not least because British engineers happen to be particularly skilled at putting together bespoke computing packages that enhance the power of the individual components.

There is one last chance for change and that lies in the context of European unity. The EEC has a bigger population than the US, and without doubt the Americans need the European market. But national jealousy within Europe makes us all easy pickings.

Twenty years ago a French liberal, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, wrote in *The American Challenge*: "If America is the place where decisions are made, and Europe where they are later put into application, within one or two generations we will no longer belong to the same world. The United States will have, at least for this period of history, a monopoly on technological innovation." The author is Liberal MP for Leeds West.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

The needle match of politics

Welsh MPs made the journey to London yesterday for the annual needle match against England; the debate on Welsh affairs.

The debate, which is held on the nearest Parliamentary day to St David's Day, which this year fell on Sunday, had in past years been notable for many an epic struggle on such issues as whether there should be a bilingual policy in the Principality for signposts which convey emergency information such as "Fire Hydrant" and "Ladies". Those of us with really long memories could recall the tremendous tussle about whether the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre should be at Swansea - a series of matches which ended in victory for Wales and confusion ever since to millions of motorists.

Unlike in England - where it is a mainly middle-class sport dominated by the public schools - politics in Wales is a working class game. So the annual Welsh affairs debate has normally drawn a big crowd of Labour MPs. But yesterday there were far fewer of them than usual. For much of the debate, only about a half a dozen of them were dotted around the "Opposition" End of the historic ground.

They did not include Mr Neil Kinnock, who ranks as the most famous living Welshman apart from Sir Harry Secombe, Sir Geraint Evans and a few score rugby players. They did include Mr James Callaghan, who turns out for Cardiff South and Penarth, but whose name suggests an Irish origin. Also present was Mr Michael Foot, who represents the suitably Celtic-sounding Blaenau Gwent, but who comes from West Country stock and does most of his training in Hampstead.

There were several explanations for this low attendance. One suggestion was that, as a result of disturbances, the police might have turned back the special train carrying Welsh Labour members to the debate. But it is more likely a lack of interest caused by the poor resistance nowadays offered by the English to the Welsh in big Westminster matches.

For the annual clash was to deploy one long man against the English for not giving them enough money. But, as the general election draws near, the English strategy has been to let the Welsh hard hat with the stiff, like no longer the game we knew from the early Thatcher years. Most consequently, Welsh affairs debates tend to end in a draw. Hence the lack of interest among the Labour MPs.

Mr Callaghan kept up the old standard of Welsh play yesterday when he told the House: "There is an argument and a dispute about old people's underwear in geriatric wards in my constituency. It is absurd that something like this should be controversial like this because of lack of funds."

That was the sort of play that had in the past made the Welsh team one of the foremost moaning nations among the politicians of Europe. And in Mr Callaghan it took an Irishman to recall the national team to its traditions.

Mr Callaghan's speech was a sentimental occasion. "I have feeling that this will be my last chance to speak in a Welsh day debate," he said. The Welsh crowd roared - or at least would have, had it been there. Mr Callaghan added that, because of the occasion, he would "make an unashamedly constituency speech". With the aid of those tiny tynes of unlauded underwear, he went on to prove it.

Earlier, in the questions to the Welsh ministers which preceded the debate, one of the few Welsh Tories, Mr Ian Grist (Cardiff Central) intervened in exchanges about examination standards in Welsh schools to suggest that "languages should be taught so that they can be used by people in business and at an every day level rather than to be able to read Moliere or whatever."

The under secretary, Mr Roberts, replied that he did not agree about the uselessness of Moliere, thus confirming that after recent results it is the French, rather than these Wet English Tories, who are the players whom Wales has de-

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THEATRE

LONDON

* **ANATOL:** Schröder's bitter-sweet, world-wise scenes in the life of a Viennese philanthropist. Gate Theatre Club, Prince Albert Club, 11 Pentonville Road, London W11 (01-229 0705). Tube: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat 7.30-8.50pm, £4 plus £1 membership, until March 28.

* **THE ARKLEY BARNET SHOW:** Dr Eustace Hodge and Dame Hilda Bradley present their refined medley of ballads and bawdy tales. Comedy Theatre, Fenton Street, London SW1 (01-835 5778). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.15pm, Sat 8.10-10.45pm, matinee Sat 5.30-7.45pm, £4-21.

* **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Staged with extra comic Porter. Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinee Wed 5.30-7.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

* **KATHIE AND THE HIPPOGRIFFS:** The uses of fantasy in a travel-writer's diary. Award-winning from Edinburgh by the Penman Mario Vargas Llosa. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8.10pm, £5, until March 28.

* **LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES:** Blood-dripping account of the destruction of innocence under the ancient regime. Tickets like gold dust. Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, WC2 (01-838 6111, 01-838 1171). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8.11pm, matinee Wed 5.30pm, Sat 4.7pm, £2-17.50.

* **SHEDDING BASSOON:** Peter Baskerville uses the poet's own words to tell his story: a limited vocabulary but still effective. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 0800, 01-434 3558). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8.10pm, matinee Wed 5.30pm, Sat 5.7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm, £2-11.50, £7-12.50, until March 21.

* **SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR:** Preview of Pirandello's most famous play; powerful mix of metaphysics and musical comedy. National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 2252). Tube: Waterloo. 7.15-9.30pm, £2-5.50.

* **THIS STORY OF YOURS:** Revival of John Hopkins's powerful exposure of a bad cop's breakdown; starring David Suchet. Westsided Theatre, 144 Strand, London WC2 (01-722 8801). Tube: Strand. Mon-Sat 8.10-10.40pm, matinee Sat 3.50-5.10pm, £5-17, until March 7.

* **LONG RUNNERS:** The best of murder: Myster Theatre (01-829 3036). * **My Cat:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, 01-404 4078). * **Chorus:** Prince of Wales Theatre (01-734 8851). * **42nd Street:** Dury Lane Theatre (01-436 8196/910, 01-404 9056/7). * **Life and Mr. Adams:** Theatre (01-436 7511/528 and 01-240 7913/4). * **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0809). * **The Misanthrope:** St Martin's Theatre (01-580 1448, 01-373 6433). * **No Sex, Please:** We're British: Duchess Theatre (01-839 8243). * **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, 01-379 8131, 01-240 7200). * **Run for Your Wife:** Cricet Theatre (01-830 3216, 01-379 6565). * **Starlight Express:** Apollo Theatre (01-436 8805, 01-436 8282). * **Step by Step:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-336 5122, 01-336 9837). * **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-880 8845, 01-336 2429).

* **OUT OF TOWN**

* **BATLE:** A Piece of My Mind: George Cole and Anna Carter in Peter Nichols' new play covering 20 years in a writer's life. Theatre Royal, Canvado (0225 65555). Mon-Wed 7.30-9.55pm, Thurs-Sat 8.10-10.25pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.55pm, Sat 4.30-6.55pm, £2.50-£12, until March 7.

* **DEBET:** On the Day: Why Russell's calamity-packed school outing show.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 35273), Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.10pm, £4-25, until March 7.

* **LEADS:** * **Camille:** First performance outside the West End of Pami Gams's stirring tear-jerker. With Diane Kats. Playhouse Theatre, Coventry Street (0332 442111) Mon and Tues 8.10-10.40pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-10.10pm, £4-25.50, until March 7.

* **LEICESTER:** * **Mr's Wolf That Ends Well:** The dark side of Shakespeare's comedy chance to see a rarely performed play. Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, London SW1 (01-835 5778). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30-8.50pm, Sat 8.10-10.45pm, matinee Sat 5.30-7.45pm, £4-21.

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CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

Revised version of the Broadway play with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin). Nominated for five Oscars (11/83). Canon Cinema, Canon Cinema Road (01-732 2638, 01-732 6930). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.00.

* **COMING UP ROSES (PG):** Modern, endearing Welsh-language film about the closure of a small cinema. Directed by Stephen Bayly with a touch of the old Ealing spirit (84 min). Screen on the M6 (01-435 2566). Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.

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CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

Revised version of the Broadway play with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin). Nominated for five Oscars (11/83). Canon Cinema, Canon Cinema Road (01-732 2638, 01-732 6930). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.00.

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THE ARTS

Hum of success

Watching programmes like *Wildlife on One: Birds of the Sun God* (BBC1), it is easy to wonder whether the process of civilization as effected by mankind has been remotely satisfactory or necessary. Life seems to be in perfectly good order if you are a hummingbird. These creatures, with their brilliant plumage caused by feathers that refract the sun's rays, are, like most things in the natural world, constructed ideally for the life they lead. They exist only to fulfil a predetermined function — on their beauty is tactical, displayed like a banner in territorial battles.

David Attenborough explained this pairing of form and function in the manner of all accomplished story-tellers.

TELEVISION

encouraging the listener to want to stay until the end. As he described how these, the only birds who fly with a rigid wing movement as opposed to a kind of breast-stroke, are able to hover like insects and are therefore invaluable when it comes to pollinating flowers, he drew one into a compelling other world and offered soothing escapism.

In contrast *A Woman's World: A Veiled Revolution* (ITV) dealt with a turbulent society in change as it explored the current Egyptian phenomenon of women returning to the traditional Islamic dress that they have fought to escape during the past 60 years. One young clerical worker, who ran up her floor-length skirts and draped head-coverings on the sewing machine at home, explained that as more women like her were now at work it was important to signal to the men they met in daily contact that they were the kind of girls who had self-respect. The garments were acting as insulation against the uncertainties that arose from the breakdown of traditional sexual worlds in modern Islam.

It was a fascinating topic, but would have benefited from a longer shot and from less reportage and more analysis. What, for instance, was the original thought behind such a mode of dress and why should university-educated women regard a length of fabric as any kind of protection in modern Cairo, or indeed need it?

Alexandra Shulman

Eccentricity in a scientific mask

Mass-Observation is celebrating its fiftieth year of existence. Though it has gone through various changes and redefinitions, it was and remains one of those rather scrappy English organizations which seem to last for ever. As the celebratory exhibition at the Watermans Arts Centre, Brentford, until March 29 makes abundantly clear, it has always disguised its eccentricity beneath a surface of scientific respectability. But not completely.

It must be remembered that 1937, when it published its first manifesto, was not only Abdication time and the heyday of the Grierson-inspired documentary movement in the British cinema, not to mention the Left Book Club, but also the immediate aftermath of the London Surrealist Exhibition, which was commemorating last year. This is a more apposite piece of information than might at first appear, since though Tom Harrison, one of Mass-Observation's first movers, was an anthropologist by training, other leading lights, among them Humphrey Jennings, Charles Madge and Humphrey Spender, were deeply involved in the British Surrealist movement as well.

GALLERIES

Mass-Observation Watermans

Women Photographers Photographers

So much of what Mass-Observation interested itself in could be approached from so many angles. Obviously the detailed observations of Humphrey Spender's camera in Bolton relate closely to the documentary movement, and Jennings's film *Spare Time* (of which the show has a cassette playing) conforms to almost all of Grierson's dictates — though maybe a little too fond of the bizarre for its own sake. The photography also looks forward to *cinéma-vérité*, in Harrison's insistence that it must all be done on-the-spot, not set up or in any way signalled to the photographer.

In the circumstances, it is astonishing that all Spender's well-known pictures are so clean and *soigné*. The interest in people's art also has the right documentary ring to it:

the Ashington Group, though founded shortly before Mass-Observation came on the scene, was visited by a delegation including Julian Trevelyan, approved, and held up for emulation by other more or less self-trained painters.

But the methods of Mass-Observation's main preoccupation, the compiling of the day-surveys from the reports of observers recruited at random from volunteers, could stand up to little strictly statistical analysis. Clearly, this is where Surrealism crept in: the surveys were not so much scientific documents in the obvious statistical sense, but attempts to plug in to the collective unconscious — something which Jennings in particular always considered very important and revealing as part of the psychological history of the nation.

That was finally what most of his films were about, as well as his great unfinished image of the Industrial Revolution, *Pandemonium*, and the first of the published day-surveys, which just happened to be of May 12, 1937, Coronation Day, is edited (mainly by Jennings) into a printed equivalent of one of his own films. As his poems and paintings, and Charles Madge's poems,



Mass-Observation in action: domino-players in a pub photographed unobserved, in very poor light, by Humphrey Spender

make clear, the dividing line between the real and the surreal is only a hair's breadth, and when we get into the Second World War the Blitz provides images of actuality beyond the surrealist's wildest imaginings.

By this time Tom Harrison was headed back to Borneo as an anthropologist, though he kept up his connections with Mass-Observation and in 1960 came back to re-do the pre-war *Britain* book as *Britain Revisited*, descending unobserved on the old stamping-grounds and finding remarkably little changed. The telly notwithstanding. Others

wandered off to other jobs, and after doing various wartime surveys for the Government — what did they really think in the factories? — the organization gradually dwindled into a market research unit.

Several of the artists in the Photographers' Gallery show *Women Photographers* in Great Britain 1900-1950 (until March 14) worked in the same general tradition as Humphrey Spender; Helen Muspratt in Russia and Edith Tudor Hart on Tyneside produced radical documentary pictures, and Grace Robertson was long a photojournalist for

Picture Post. Of course, they did not all go in the same direction, and even those mentioned did other things — Helen Muspratt, for instance, also experimented with solarized photography. Winifred Casson was a fully-fledged Surrealist, and Madame Yvonne photographed the fashionable world with a lively sense of style and fantasy.

In fact, there is as much disparity as one would expect in any arbitrary assemblage of 20th-century British photographers. Except that neither the National Museum of Photography in Bradford, which originated the show,

nor the Photographers' Gallery, where it now rests, seems to think the assemblage is arbitrary: the book by Val Williams (*Virago*, £9.95) is subtitled "The Other Observers 1900 to the Present", and a big (if surely rather sexist) point is made of the fact that they are all women. Good photographers several of them certainly are (though would the hazy past-ups of Ursula Powys-Lybbe get a look-in if she were not a woman?), but in any serious sense "other"? It is hard to think so.

John Russell Taylor

'Here for a thousand years'

The Barbican Centre tonight celebrates its fifth birthday with a gala concert and firework display: Chris Peachment seeks out a progress report from the Centre's urbanely diplomatic director, Henry Wrong

humanize the interior. Extra loos as well.

There is however one problem which will not go away, and that is the entrance. One still feels that one is sneaking into the back door of somewhere vaguely disreputable. "Yes, it's like a man with a particularly hideous or deformed face. One has to force oneself to go up and say hello. And then you find of course that he is perfectly charming."

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Many critics however have seized upon the more popular concert series surrounding these culturally distinguished events, and accused the Barbican of pursuing too mixed a policy concomitant with artistic excellence. "That is true. But the answer is simple. We are here to

entertain people as well. And I see nothing wrong with that: indeed it is very important."

Traditionally the West End has been the home of entertainment, and the City the home of money-making. Indeed a large part of Wrong's talk centres on fiscal matters such as box-office receipts and the annual grant from the Corporation of £5m per year for operating deficit, as well as a generous £20m to pay off the capital charges. But the Barbican grew out of a much wider vision than some vague liberal whim of moneyed bankers to buy some prestige. It was very much a part of the desire to re-populate the area after the war. And a large slice of the audience, not surprisingly, comes from the Barbican itself.

Without breaking into the endlessly contentious arguments about its architecture, it nonetheless looks more solid than, say, the Pompidou Centre. "Oh, it will be here for a thousand years." What then would Wrong like future archaeologists to find as his monument? "I really haven't thought about that one. I've come close to suicide once or twice, but I haven't thought about the future."

A born diplomat, this tall, urbane Canadian glides around his domain as if on castors, directing old ladies to the exit and generally keeping an eye on things. We approach the latest exhibition, from Leningrad, of Russian tsarist costumes. Apparently Wrong's most recent thrill came when the crates were unwrapped and he could touch the costume once worn by Peter the Great. "It was a magical moment. To look at this 150-year-old costume, which was once worn by a long dead tsar. He was a tall man. And so am I." Perhaps the archaeologists will find a grey three-piece suit from another tsar. A vast pile of torn ticket stubs might be more telling however.



Wrong: a certain accomplishment

CONCERT

LPO/
Skrowaczewski
Festival Hall/
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It is unfortunate for the London Philharmonic that, at the very time when their plan for pre-eminence among the London orchestras is at its height, they should be deprived of the leadership of Klaus Tennstedt, their principal conductor. For this performance of Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony his place was taken by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, a well-respected musician but not really Tennstedt's equal as a Mahlerian. In his straightforward approach there is not the same determination to find meaning in every phrase that has made Tennstedt's recorded Mahler cycle with this orchestra so memorable.

Skrowaczewski's strongest

asset is his ability to keep the whole design of the symphony within his sight. The string flourishes at the opening were dramatic and urgent, pressing the music forward at a pace that suppressed passing moments of interest in favour of a bold outline. When smaller ideas were paid attention to, as in the string *portamenti* at the end of the Andante, they did not always work.

The great "Resurrection" finale responds most effectively to this treatment. The climaxes here built up a fine sense of excitement and, by this point, it mattered less that detail was lacking or that orchestral ensemble had failed to bring more specific insight into the score.

In "Utricht", the very heart of the work, Christine Cairns sang with well controlled poise and even tone. But it was left to the London Philharmonic Choir, and especially Felicity Lott, to bring an extra dimension of radiance to the final pages of the symphony.

Richard Fairman

THEATRE

My Mother Said I
Never Should
Contact, Manchester

In the opening scene of this illuminating and touching play the four characters (all women) appear as their young selves, busy at the games of childhood. Each wears the clothes of a different generation of small girl, and gradually it emerges that Doris, nervously playing Grandmother's Footsteps, will be Jackie's grandmother, and Rosie's great-grandmother. They are four generations of a family, equal in the rituals of childhood, however separated in real time. The author, Charlotte Keatley, several times returns to this scene where the girls try to read the future and scare each other with magic plots to kill their mothers.

Threading together the family scenes is the discovery that we grow disillusioned with those we began by loving. The story moves confidently back and forth in time, giving its focal points a greater resonance by generally understating them. A crumpled dress thrown away in 1986 reappears in its original elegance in a later scene in 1923. A marvellous sense of the richness of family life results.

Career-girl Jackie is the least rounded character. Jane Paton moves us with her pain when giving up her baby, but the character's further development is less interesting. Michele Wade evolves delightfully from prickly schoolgirl to winning adolescent, and there is a fine performance from Joan Campion as the matriarch and a most subtle portrayal of her anxious daughter Margaret by Jenny Howe. The distance between them grows less over the years but nothing can bridge the mutual disappointment.

The scenes are beautifully paced in Brigid Larmour's production, on a multiple set by Nettie Edwards that is as precise and emotionally charged as Ms Keatley's writing. All these elements support each other, never more effectively than in the closing scene where Rosie from her chair, Jackie in the swing and Margaret in the shadows watch Doris tell her own unseen mother the wonderful news of her engagement to a lovely man. As an audience we are in the position to understand all and, if it is not too fanciful to say so, to forgive.

Jeremy Kingdon

JAZZ

Stan Tracey etc
Ronnie Scott's

Sing no blues for the National Jazz Centre, wound up last week after absorbing a sum that might have been mistaken for the annual GNP of a small Third World country. There are already several national jazz centres, and their names are the Bull's Head, the Bass Clef, the 100 Club and, of course, Ronnie Scott's.

As if to prove the strength and potential of jazz in one of its adopted homes, Scott's was packed at the weekend for an all-British programme: on Saturday for the opening of a season by the Stan Tracey Orchestra, and the following night for a special fund-raising event by the big band of the Royal Academy of Music.

Tracey's 15-piece band, which continues in residence all this week, performed *Genesis*, his new suite. Impressive enough on record, in person it took wing. The power of the seven brass figged the chandeliers, and there must be few saxophone sections anywhere to match the solo fire-power of Ray Warleigh, Jamie Talbot, Tony Cox, Stan Sultzman and Phil Todd. Only the under-use of the incomparable Cox exposed the suite's chief limitation, its lack of the contrast that a true ballad movement would provide.

Sharing the bill, Scott's own quintet described burials all to itself. Dick Pearce's exultant flugelhorn and the proprietor's probing tenor making something very fine of Herbie Hancock's "Castles on a Sea of Clouds". In the Upstairs Room, a less formal ambience surrounded the madcap musical Dadaisms of a Loose Tubes splinter group containing John Escott (trumpet), Ashley Slater (trombone), Django Bates (tenor horn) and Steve Argüelles (drums).

The Royal Academy of Music's jazz programme, directed by Graham Collier, was represented on Sunday by a big band and various small groups, assisted by several distinguished old boys. Amidst the enthusiastic hubbub, two new voices spoke most clearly: those of a trumpeter, Martin Shaw, whose polish appears to be matched by his imagination, and a singer, Denise Hector, at her best when delivering "Miss Otis Regrets" with the poise and wistful tone of a young Sarah Vaughan.

Richard Williams

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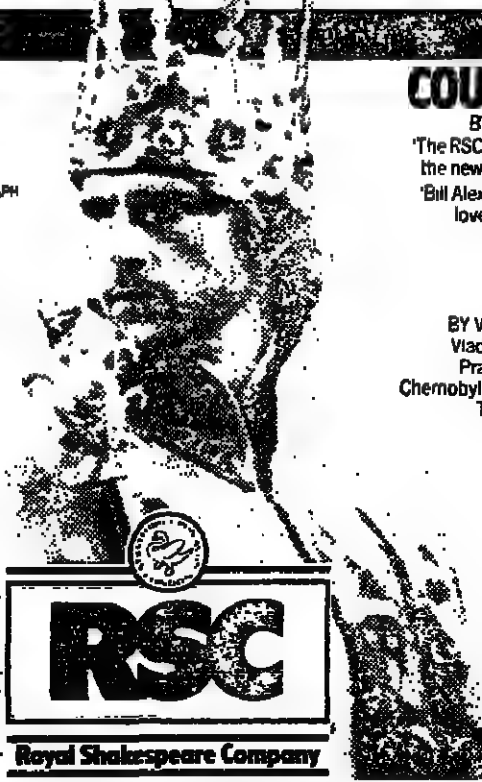
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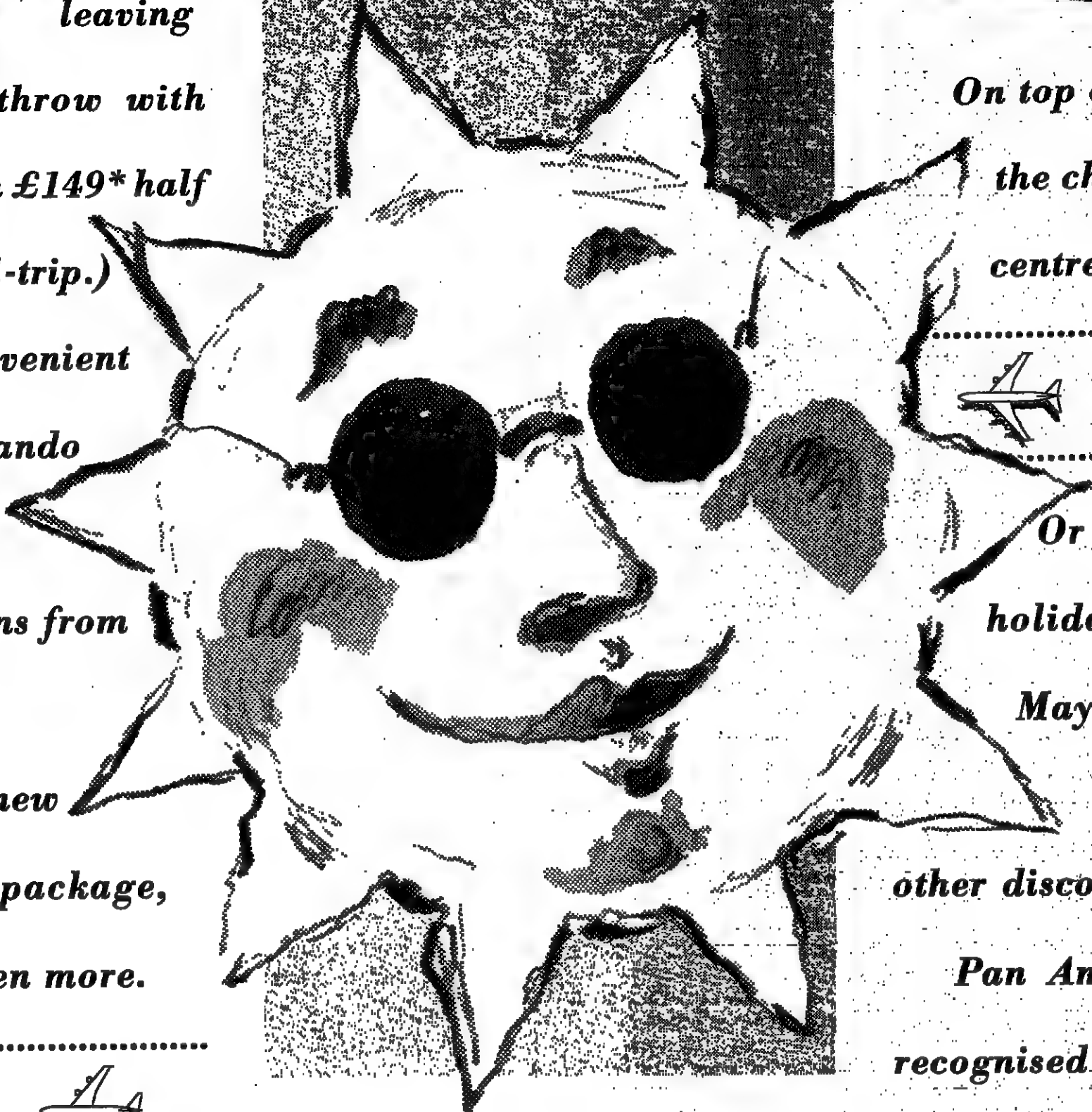
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US bid to buy rest of Debron

Interface Flooring Systems, the American carpet tiles manufacturer, is bidding \$17 million for the 50.01 per cent of Debron Investments it does not own. It is offering 72p in cash for each outstanding share, and has already won irrevocable undertakings from holders of a further 24.68 per cent, which gives it 74.67 per cent of Debron. The offer is conditional on Interface gaining 75 per cent acceptance.

Target beaten

Task Force Group, the computer consultancy personnel agency, beat the profits forecast made when it came to the United Securities Market in June. Pretax profits for the year to the end of November rose 88 per cent to £642,000. Turnover rose from £4.5 million to £5.2 million. A final dividend of 1.18p was declared.

Tilney's buy

Sale Tilney, the group which spans engineering to financial services, is paying £3.7 million for Beger and Reid, a US insurance broker, which last year made profits of \$566,000.

Lancer deal

Lancer Boss, the fork-lift truck maker, has bought SAM Fenwick, Spain's biggest fork-lift truck group, for an undisclosed sum. The British company says it is unlikely to continue all the lines made by the Spanish group.

Wardle offer

Wardle Storeys has posted its format offer for its £45 million bid for Chamberlain Phipps, valuing Chamberlain's shares at 124p, compared with yesterday's close of 139p.

TV expansion

Sony, the Japanese electronics company, is to take on another 300 people at its television and components factory at Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, in a £30 million expansion announced yesterday.

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Ex-chief accused of duty breach
Guinness may sue Saunders

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness has accused Mr Ernest Saunders, its former chairman and chief executive, of breaching his fiduciary duties to the company by authorising a mysterious \$5.2 million payment to a Jersey nominee company. The accusation, contained in court documents filed in Jersey, could lead to the company taking legal action against Mr Saunders if it is unable to recover the money.

At the same time, Guinness is on the verge of discovering the true recipients of the money. National Westminster Bank confirmed yesterday that it would comply with a Jersey court order, obtained by Guinness, forcing it to reveal details of the nominee company's bank account transactions.

The \$5.2 million payment is part of \$25 million worth of

invoices which Sir Norman Macfarlane, the Guinness chairman, has said there is no satisfactory explanation for. The court documents say that an undated invoice in favour of the Jersey nominee company, Marketing and Acquisitions, was received by Guinness "not later than May 23, 1986."

The documents say that payment under the invoice was authorised by Mr Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, "on the instructions of one Ernest Walter Saunders" and "by one Thomas Joseph Ward."

Guinness alleges that no services had been provided by MAC in return for the payment and that there is no evidence either of services being provided by any third parties for the money. Therefore, Guinness claims, "the said instruction leading to the authorisation of the sale of the invoice and the making of the said payment was in breach of the fiduciary duty owed to the Plaintiff (Guinness) by Mr

Saunders and Mr Ward."

Guinness has obtained an injunction in Jersey ordering both the nominee company and National Westminster, its banker, not to dispose of any of the \$5.2 million. The injunction also compels National Westminster to allow Guinness's lawyers to inspect and take copies of a range of documents relating to MAC's bank account, including cheques drawn on the account, correspondence, bank statements, transfer orders and debit vouchers from May 1, 1986 onwards.

"The bank will be complying with its obligations under Jersey law - namely to comply with the terms of the order," a NatWest spokesman said. But, he refused to say whether any money had been paid out of MAC's nominee account, and if so, to whom. "I am unable to comment because of the confidentiality of the banker-customer relationship," he said.

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No support for Brazil on debt

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Senhor Dilsen Fumero, the Brazilian finance minister, received little support yesterday from the Treasury and Bank of England over his country's decision to suspend interest payments on \$68 million of commercial bank debt.

Senhor Fumero and Senhor Francisco Gross, president of Brazil's central bank, met Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and Bank of England officials to present Brazil's reasons for the suspension. According to an official Treasury statement, the Chancellor made it clear to Mr Fumero that negotiations over commercial bank debt were a matter for the commercial banks themselves.

He said it was essential for Brazil to present a convincing economic programme to its creditors to win their confidence over the rescheduling of debt and the granting of new loans. He also pointed out that an agreement between Brazil and the International Monetary Fund would be an important step in achieving this confidence.

Treasury officials insisted Mr Lawson's remarks were not intended as a rebuff to Brazil and merely reiterated the Government's stated position. "Senhor Fumero came to explain rather than to negotiate," an official said.

The Bank took the same attitude, urging Senhor Fumero to come to an agreement with the IMF over Brazil's financial problems. It said that progress over solving the debt situation was not possible until Brazil had a viable economic programme.

Debt-rescheduling talks began in New York today between the Philippines and its creditors. Mr Jaime V Ongpin, the Philippines finance minister, has threatened that "essential but prudent measures" will be taken if the banks do not co-operate with rescheduling loans.

The Philippines is seeking to reschedule payments on \$3.6 billion (\$2.33 billion) due from 1987-1992 and to lower interest on \$3.2 billion previously rescheduled.

Dutch offer puts IC Gas at £1 billion

By Ray Heath

Less than 72 hours after confirming its plans to split into two, IC Gas yesterday received a unique tender offer for its shares which values it at £1 billion and could give a 27.9 per cent stake in its Calor offshoot to one of the largest private companies in Holland.

The tender has been launched by SHV, a Dutch group with interests in oil, gas and retailing, which is offering 700p a share for up to 33 million shares in IC Gas and 252p for each £1 of loan stock. SHV, which owns 11 Makro cash-and-carry stores in Britain, has built up a 4.9 per cent stake in IC Gas over the last month. The offer is open until a week tomorrow.

IC Gas shares jumped by 59.5p to 712.5p on speculation that the offer will eventually trigger a bid for the Calor group which is being spun off from IC Gas.

SHV wanted to make its move until the reconstruction of IC Gas was finalized. It then worked non-stop over the weekend preparing the offer. IC Gas is breaking up into two divisions, Calor, the liquid bottled gas group, and Combifuel, which has stakes in the Belgian electricity and gas industries.

Shareholders in IC Gas will receive one share in each of the new companies, but SHV has arranged to place its holding in Combifuel with the Belgian Gevaert group at 260p a share.

The deal has a unique topping-up clause. SHV promises to compensate shareholders who accept its tender if before next January 1, it makes a full bid for IC Gas or either of the two new companies, or if a successful bid is made by another company.

SHV and Gevaert have promised to make no further move until June 30, unless IC Gas, Calor or Combifuel agrees to an outside offer, or enters into a large transaction.

Last night, IC Gas directors said it would not recommend a general offer of 700p a share, but noted the top-up clause in the tender.

More than 11 per cent of IC Gas is still held by Gull Resources, which last year withdrew a bid for the company after it was referred.

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Coloroll pays £9m in US takeover

By Our City Staff

Coloroll, the wallpaper and home furnishings company, yesterday unveiled a \$9 million takeover in the United States as part of a plan to become a £1,000 million business by 1995.

The chairman, Mr John Ashcroft, aged 37, said: "There will be more acquisitions this year in Britain. We are looking at the whole area of home fashions, such as lighting, furniture, and carpets. We believe the spending on DIY to improve properties will be followed by a boom in furnishings."

Coloroll is buying the Miami-based Walco company which operates throughout parts of the United States where the British group has been seeking to expand.

Walco makes profits of £1 million on turnover of more than £24 million and its acquisition will make Coloroll the fourth largest wallpaper covering company in the US.

Mr Ashcroft, who hopes to see the present sales of more than £100 million go above £1,000 million, said his next target could be valued at about £200 million.

New Underwood rise

A takeover bid by Woolworth for the Underwood chain of chemist shops was still on the cards last night despite the two sides arguing over the price.

Woolworth is keen to turn Underwood into a nationwide chain of more than 400 stores

but has made clear it is not prepared to pay over the odds. The Underwood shares rose slightly to 239p - following Friday's dramatic 49p jump - which is thought to be well below the board's valuation of the business.



No life in the heart of capitalism: the Stock Exchange floor during working hours yesterday

Stock Exchange passes last rites on floor trade

By Cliff Feltham

Trading of shares on the floor of the Stock Exchange is to end, it was announced last night.

The last rites on a method of buying and selling shares which has existed for more than 200 years were passed by the ruling Stock Exchange Council which has set up a working party to look into alternative uses for the once hard-heating heart of capitalism.

The decision to end face-to-face trading in stocks follows the Big Bang last October which introduced a more impersonal system of dealing by computer screen and telephone in specially equipped offices.

Last night, the council said that after the introduction of the SEAO computerized system, "the vast majority of bargains are now transacted from member firms' premises." "The council has recently been considering the future of the trading floor. Some retail gits business and a small number of equity bargains are

transacted on the floor, but the only substantial business being dealt on the floor of the Exchange is in traded options. "In the light of this, the council has decided to close the floor in due course for gits and equities business. A trading floor for traded options will be retained."

A working party, headed by Mr Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the council's property and finance committee, is to undertake a feasibility study to look at ways the floor can be developed.

The study is expected to come up with ways of allowing the traded options market - which at present occupies about 15 per cent of the floor space but is growing fast - to remain, together with a public exhibition area.

The study is expected to be completed before the end of the year so that redevelopment work can start next year. Until that time, dealers who wish to remain on the floor will be able to do so.

Mr Hugh Smith, of Capel Cure-Myers, the broker, said last night: "It is too early to say what sort of ideas we will come up with. There have been some facetious suggestions such as using the floor as a skating rink but I don't think we will be proposing that."

About 10 market-makers are left on the floor, but in most cases they are maintaining a presence until suitable office accommodation elsewhere is available.

The present Stock Exchange opened in 1973, occupying a site where shares were originally traded in 1760 before various redevelopment projects were undertaken. Shortly after the war, about 100 firms occupied the floor.

However, with the introduction of Big Bang, it was widely predicted that the days of the Stock Exchange floor were numbered. One of the biggest firms, Smith New Court, had pledged to continue on the floor but was soon swept up with the drift away.

Evered buys L&N shares

By Michael Tate

Evered Holdings, the industrial holding group, yesterday acquired a 14.99 per cent stake in London and Northern, the construction to healthcare group, in a share-buying spree costing £8.9 million.

The shares were acquired by Robert Fleming Securities, who picked up about 4 per cent from Warburg yesterday morning and a further 11 per cent through the stock market.

It is understood that Fleming was paying 81p a share, the value of the cash bid alternative that Demerger Two closed last week.

Evered's surprise intervention, only seven days before the final closing date of Demerger Two's offer, is likely to give rise to speculation that a rival bid is imminent.

This would be out of character for the Abdullah brothers, whose success since taking the helm at Evered, has been built on their ability to take strategic stakes in companies, revitalize the management and withdraw.

It seems more likely that Evered will return when the takeover rules allow next week, and lift its stake to just under 30 per cent.

Exco in \$79m deal

By Our Banking Correspondent

Exco International, the world's fastest-growing money broking house, is buying a majority stake in RMJ, one of the largest brokers in the United States government bond market in New York.

The deal, worth \$79 million, is the first acquisition by the British & Commonwealth Shipping group since it bought Exco last year, and the largest undertaken by Exco.

Mr Richard Lacy, the chairman of Exco, yesterday said: "RMJ will give us an important presence in one of the

world's fastest-growing markets which we have been trying to get into for over four years."

The purchase price represented about six times RMJ's earnings last year and Exco would add 5 to 10 per cent to B&C's earnings per share in 1987.

The acquisition gives Exco an 80 per cent stake in RMJ. The Bank of New York, the present owner, is retaining 10 per cent while RMJ's management is taking 10 per cent.

UK set to sign Soviet contracts

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Two large British industrial export contracts to the Soviet Union are expected to be announced later this month when the Prime Minister makes a pre-election visit to Moscow.

Details of the deals, which are still in the final stages of negotiation, remain secret, but the contracts are most likely to involve industries such as process plant, textiles or chemicals.

The possibility of a significant increase in Anglo-Soviet trade emerged at the weekend during the third Soviet-British round table conference attended by a top-level Russian delegation and senior industrialists from the Confederation of British Industry.

In a joint communiqué, the delegations agreed on the need for "dynamic endeavours" to implement the Gorbachev regime's hope of an increase in bilateral trade of 40-50 per cent.

The Russians, in their efforts to expand foreign trade and reform their own trading policy, have identified 16 large-scale projects within the Soviet Union for which they are seeking foreign tenders or joint participation. British companies are tendering for some of these.

At a London conference after the Anglo-Soviet talks, Mr David Nickson, the CBI president, said yesterday that Britain was in seventh or eighth position in the race to increase trade with the Soviet Union.

The Russians are keen to promote joint ventures between Soviet enterprises and foreign companies. Professor ID Ivanov, leader of the Soviet delegation and deputy chairman of the Russian state commission for foreign economic relations, said yesterday that foreign partners would be able to repatriate their taxable profits.

Under the Gorbachev plans, foreign companies can hold up to 49 per cent of joint venture enterprises, but chief executives must be Soviet citizens.

Profits put into reserves or into modernization and expansion projects will be tax free.

Goldcrest in rescue plan

Goldcrest, the British film group, yesterday tried to persuade shareholders to back a £6 million rescue plan, where Mr Earle Mack, the US property developer, will take 85 per cent of the company.

Shareholders accounting for 59 per cent of the stock, including the Pearson Group and the Coal board pension fund, have approved the deal. But two alternative deals have been put forward and under company rules, the Mack deal needs approval from 75 per cent of the shareholders.

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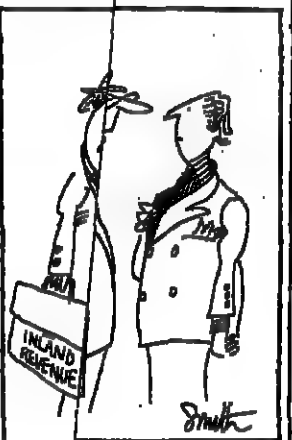
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Then there were none

Ten senior stockbrokers from Chase Manhattan Securities, the American investment house, are laughing all the way to the bank. The ten men, all aged over 50, have, I hear, accepted an offer of early retirement from their new employer, which effectively releases them from their "golden handcuffs". Lord Redesdane, a spokesman for Chase, refuses to name names but confirms that of the 13 people offered early retirement, 10 have taken it and "will be leaving over the next month or two". Most of the departing brokers are from Sirin and Coopers and Laurie Mipank, the two City firms bought by Chase before Big Bang. Some are former partners of the two firms and would have been paid around £250,000 for their share of the equity, committing themselves to "golden handcuffs" as part of the deal, to prevent them from working for a rival firm. But with these handcuffs unlocked they are now free to seek employment elsewhere. Chase denies that this is a cost-cutting exercise. "It's to allow youngblood to have a look in," says Lord Redesdane.



"It's all your golden hello — I've got to remove the gold filling from the welcoming grin."

Rider life

Peter Richer, the eccentric and then insolvent solicitor who headed a successful campaign to pay interest on life insurance money from the date of death — instead of from the date of probate — would certainly have appeared. His own insurance policy, with Sun Life, has now been paid — with interest from the time of his death last May. Pity, aged 60, a colourful character to the end, died after suffering a heart attack as he left a suitcase into his car, to end a weekend in the country with a girlfriend. His son, Julian, who runs a chain of shops in Bermuda, tells us he had at least five regular friends — all of whom had responded to adverts he placed in *Time Out* magazine. "If he got bored with them, he just put another ad in," says Julian.

A letter from a travel agency to a couple whose package tour had been a disappointment read: "We cannot understand your complaint because you were put up in the best hotels."

Great minds

Chinese walls do work, but great minds can think alike. The banker Rothschild said yesterday. While it has been advising the Dutch SHV group on its tender offer for shares in IC Gas, its associate stockbroker, Smith New Court, has been doing sums of its own. Both concluded 70p a share was the right price, but neither knew about the other's calculations. SHV's president, old granddaddy of one of the founders, Paul Fentener van Vlissingen, hopes the side will lead to closer cooperation. It will not be the first energy deal with Britain. The company once shipped oil from Newcastle. And, earlier this century, it became one of the few companies to make money out of doing the reverse.

Money man

Geoffrey Hudson, marketing director of Wardle Storeys, is as good as at his job as he is at playing the stock market. The sales of the company's plastic sheeting and other products could be set to rocket. Wardle's offer document for Chamberlain Phipps, published yesterday, reveals that on December 1, Hudson, aged 43, exercised an option to buy 22,932 Wardle shares for a total outlay of just £273. That means he made an instant profit of £82,511. And he is entitled to the same at any time he chooses before November 24, 1991. "He was granted the options just before the flotation in 1984," says a managing director Brian Taylor, "and, yes, he will have made some money out of it." But Taylor says it is small fry compared with the £3 million he himself made from the deal.

Carol Leonard

STOCK MARKET

Bass leaps to record in buoyant brewery sector

By Michael Clark

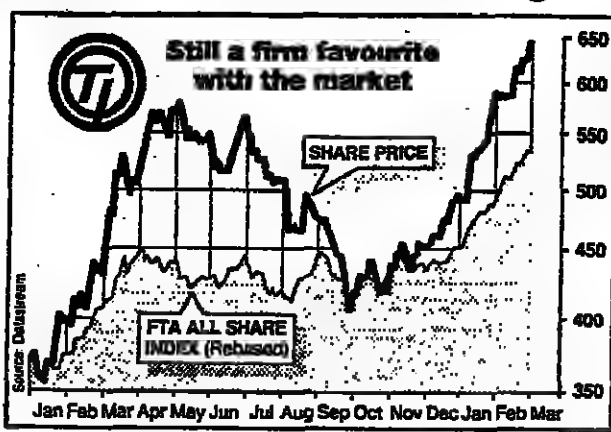
Shares of the leading brewers put on a sparkling performance yesterday and according to Wood Mackenzie, the influential Scottish broker, should enjoy a good run-up to the Budget.

Mr Daniel Leaf, a leading brewery analyst at Wood Mackenzie, reckons it will be a good Budget for the brewers. He says confidently: "At worst, we should only see an increase in duty in line with inflation." This piece of welcome cheer was enough to put some renewed fizz back into the leading brewery shares, which had been left behind by the recent bull market. Among the "big five," Bass led the way with a leap of 24p to a new high of 912p — making a two-day rise of 48p — on a turnover of more than 1 million shares, followed by Scottish & Newcastle 5p to 245p, Whitbread "A" 10p to 320p, while Grand Metropolitan on 508p and Allied-Lyons on 378p held steady.

"The strong pound should see our domestic earnings doing well. We are indiscriminate buyers of the 'big five' brewers," adds Mr Leaf who published a bullish review of the sector only a couple of weeks ago.

He thinks the whole sector has been left behind and should benefit from any of the Chancellor's tax cuts.

He said: "There is a move underway to change the licensing laws in this country. The brewers have invested a lot of money in their tied estates and will achieve a better return on



their investments the longer pubs and restaurants are allowed to stay open."

Last week, the Government announced that restaurants will be allowed to serve drinks after 3pm in what was seen as the first step in altering licensing hours.

Other brewery shares to make headway were Morland 11p to 431p, Joseph Holt 10p to 370p and Watlington & Dudley 4p to 305p. Elsewhere in drinks, Guinness ran into profit-taking. Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest brewer, tipped in some quarters as a possible suitor, last week ruled itself out of the running for Guinness. The price finished 7p down at 329p yesterday as a further 11 million shares changed hands in active trading. That brings the total number traded in the last five trading days to more than 50 million shares.

But, despite all the bid chatter and confirmation that someone has built up a stake of 2 per cent through Swiss Bank Corporation Nominees, some dealers are taking the view that Guinness is starting to look a little expensive, bearing in mind that the DTT investigation is still going on.

High hopes for the Budget and renewed confidence in the economy continued to support the rest of the equity market. At one stage it looked as though the FT-SE 100 was

about to breach the important 2,000 barrier, but having come within 2.8 points of its target, it soon ran out of steam, closing only 3.9 up at 1,983.1.

The FT index of top 30 shares also closed below its best level of the day, finishing 4.7 higher at 1,604.5, after being 16.9 higher earlier in the day.

A former pound enabled Government securities to sport gains of almost £1 at the longer end of the market.

Bid hopes lifted Combined English Stores 40p to 293p. The word over the weekend was that Ratners, the jeweller — which was down 13p at 311p — is about to pounce. But there was no indication last night that Ratners was ready to make its move.

Last week's newcomer, Capital Radio, reckoned to be Britain's leading commercial radio station, ran into profit-taking after its successful flotation, with the price sliding 3p to 128p. The 25 per cent of the equity offered to the public at 105p

Meanwhile, making its debut yesterday, Hobson Publishing, a specialist in the educational field, made a healthy start to first-time dealings following a placing of 890,000 shares by Rowe & Pitman, the broker. Offered at 250p, the shares opened at 315p, before advancing to 355p — a premium of 85p.

TEMPUS

Dutch offer two-way bet to IC Gas shareholders

The 700p-a-share tender offer from the Dutch SHV group for IC Gas shares looks like one that cannot be refused, even if the market price is now 712.5p.

By taking the Dutch terms, IC Gas shareholders will have an instant 47p-a-share profit, over Friday night's closing price in the market, and the 14p they forgo by not selling in the market is, as Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, says, option money on the fun that could still be to come. The promise of a topping-up of the price to equal any full-scale bid launched by SHV, or anyone else, leaves them with money in their pocket, and an invitation to come to any party that might develop before the arrangement expires next January 1.

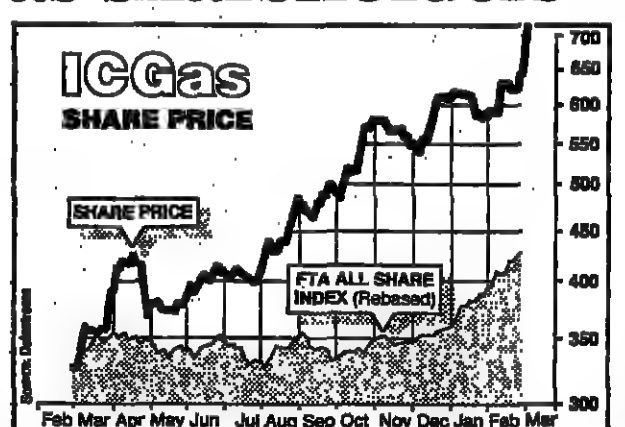
Both SHV, which is interested in Calor Gas, and the Gevaert-led group which will be taking on SHV's holding in Contibel, are speaking softly about their intentions, but their promise to do nothing to increase their 27.9 per cent holding is valid only until June 30 and not at all if IC Gas, or the twins it will sire on April 27, make a move which SHV and Gevaert and co do not like.

That adds speculative spice to IC Gas shares. So does the continued presence of the once-thwarted Barclay Brothers, who still hold 11 per cent of IC Gas after the withdrawal of their bid upon the controversial referral to the Monopolies Commission by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in December.

With Contibel underwritten at 260p a share by Gevaert and co, Calor is now valued in the market at 15 times expected earnings, more than some analysts would reckon it is worth on trading grounds, but that is not how this stock is going to be valued for some time.

For Calor, the arrival of SHV must be seen with mixed feelings. After the Gulf bid was aborted, Calor directors made it plain they wanted to be left alone to carry on running their company. Now any board meeting on long-term strategy must take regard of what the men in Utrecht might feel. Calor directors cannot even take comfort that the 27.9 per cent holding necessarily makes Calor a higher offer. SHV might decide it had already paid enough for its stake, and even money, less expenses.

Then again, the possibility of a special Anglo-Dutch relationship developing between the two companies cannot be ruled out.



Debron

When Carpets International sold its manufacturing operations to the John Crowther Group in October 1985, it was left with nothing but a pile of cash and a 25.6 per cent stake in its former United States subsidiary, Interface Flooring Systems.

Then, last November, under its new name, Debron Investments, it paid about £66 million for Guilford Industries, a US furnishing textile maker.

Yesterday's 72p-a-share cash bid for Debron from Interface amounts to tidying up what was effectively already a merger between two American fabrics companies. Debron has become an anachronism. It is 49.99 per cent owned by Interface who rescued it from collapse four years ago, and from whom it borrowed part of the cash it needed to acquire Guilford.

Since Debron acquired Guilford, the Interface management has been persuaded that a full merger would be more beneficial, hence its intent to buy the remaining 50.01 per cent of Debron.

The 72p offer price is almost 50 per cent above the pre-suspension price of 49p, 18 per cent higher than its 1986 peak, and has the recommendation of the Debron board, its advisers and enough holders to take Interface within a few shares of the 75 per cent control it wants to go unconditional. It should be accepted.

Task Force

Companies' requirements for computer-friendly personnel fluctuate dramatically, making it difficult for them to maintain staffing levels that correspond directly with their requirements. This situation has made it possible for companies like Task Force to flourish by providing a wide range of computer-related consultancy services on a contract basis.

Task Force draws from its database of more than 3,000 experienced freelance personnel (about 20 per cent of the

market) contracting out approaching 200 individuals at any one time. The advantages of this flexible system are apparent to all concerned.

Task Force feels that it has been particularly successful in attracting experienced people away from more established organizations, partly by paying competitive rates and partly by building up a close relationship with its consultants, thus ensuring a reasonable level of commitment from them.

The personal touch is also a feature of Task Force's relationship with its clients since extended and repeat business accounts for three-quarters of the group's work. The company has not yet found it necessary to employ a marketing team.

With a market share of only a few per cent, there is considerable scope for organic growth, particularly in IBM-related business.

Although IBM dominates the British computer scene, historic relationships have meant that IBM is a less important part of Task Force's business than ICL. Growth should also come from building links with established software houses and providing them with additional staff.

Only 5 per cent of the group's business is Big Bang-related. This is a consequence of its bias away from central London, reflecting its bases in Southend-on-Sea and Stoke-on-Trent.

In its new position as a public company, acquisitions are a distinct possibility. At present, the group is considering buying an agency dealing with secretarial and accounting. Personnel. However, Task Force is fast realizing that it may have to lower its expectations with regard to performance when looking outside the computer-related field.

Current year profits could exceed £900,000. On earnings of 10.6p, the shares are rated much in line with the market. This is undemanding given the group's record and prospects.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Big Bang: marking the end of the beginning

Yesterday marked the end of an era for the Stock Exchange; it may also have marked the beginning of a new phase in its main constituent — the gilt-edged market. The trading floor will, in due course, be closed for business in both gilts and equities — except for traded options, which will continue to be traded on a floor, although not necessarily where they are now — and the new computerized dealing system (Seaq) will take over. Members have got used to dealing from their own offices far more quickly than anyone thought possible when Big Bang blew away the dust and habits of generations four short months ago — a tribute both to them and to the dealing system. Abandoning the floor is the end of the beginning, but for an unknown number of firms it is also the beginning of the end. Competition, which is one reason why the floor has fallen so quickly into relative disuse, has yet to reduce the number of firms. The continuing bull market and the expansion of business have helped even the least efficient to scrape along; neither will continue for ever.

But the day of reckoning, certainly in the gilt-edged market, is not even in sight. Yesterday that incipient virtuous cycle took on a firm outline. Provided the Chancellor can manage the problems of success with the same facility he used to cut through the jungle of failures, the market can move forward to dealing in a scarce commodity — always a good thing for prices, sentiment and the balancing of the Exchequer's books. Such bliss turns essentially on a low public sector borrowing requirement, allied with a low rate of inflation. Credit Suisse First Boston, for one, is quite unrestrained. It

forecasts that a net demand for gilt-edged stocks of £5 billion in 1987-88 will exceed net supply estimated at £3 billion. Moreover, domestic buyers could find themselves in competition for long-dated stocks with overseas buyers "attracted by yields, the positive UK economy, exchange rate stability, and the removal of political uncertainty".

This is a compelling prospectus. Leaving aside for the present the date and outcome of the general election, the other factors are undoubtedly beginning to stand up. The New York bond market is fraught with anxiety, partly because there is a sneaking fear that the Federal Reserve's next move will be to raise interest rates in order to tighten credit. London is becoming the market to be in, because the fundamentals are attractive and also because prices are moving higher.

Sterling is mirroring these friendly attitudes. Yesterday the effective rate was up to 70.7 and the pound gained two cents against the US dollar and three pence against the West German mark. The firm expectation is that bank base rates will come down, probably not before the Budget on March 17, and in consequence the discount houses are refusing to sell bills. This stand is causing all sorts of congestion in the money market. It also produced a new gilt-edged tap stock yesterday: Exchequer 9 per cent 2002, priced at 296 per cent and available for only £20 per cent, as a first instalment. With a gross redemption yield of slightly less than 9½ per cent and the balance of the subscription not due until April 27, the stock is an open invitation to join the gilt-edged party.

Taking stock at Guinness

These are trying times for shareholders in Guinness, as yesterday's 7p fall in the price demonstrates. The setback came at the end of a period when, at long last, some welcome stability appeared to be returning to the beleaguered group. One by one, the mysteries of who did what to whom during the battle for control of Distillers have been brought to light, leaving just a handful of the £25 million of unexplained invoices yet to be dealt with.

Guinness is now resorting to the law in pursuit of further information. Within a matter of days, the last of these payments, who ultimately received them and for what purpose, should be matters of record.

The management vacuum left by the departure of Mr Ernest Saunders and other key figures has also been largely filled. New chief executive, Mr Anthony Tennant, has yet to unveil the finer points of his strategy but there is a new captain at the helm and the period of drifting is over.

It was hardly surprising, therefore, that Guinness's shares have responded positively in the past few weeks. But, after a run-up from about 300p to 336p in a matter of days — a surprisingly rapid move for a company capitalized at £2.7 billion — it is time to pause for breath and take stock for a moment or two.

Shareholders should be aware that at least part of the surge has been due to clumsy efforts through financial PR consultants to promote the belief that a foreign company is positioning itself for a takeover bid for Guinness. These manoeuvres, it must be stressed, have nothing whatsoever to do with Guinness's new board, which indeed has properly refrained from raising expectations while it is busy grappling with a number of unanswered questions.

It is absurd to believe that a genuine bidder would show his hand in such a blatant manner before making a positive move. Anheuser-Busch, the US group, flatly denied interest at the weekend. Such is the ferocity of the US legal system, that it is almost inconceivable that any American board of directors would approach Guinness until the mysteries have been resolved for fear of being sued down to their last cuff-link.

Any number of substantial buyers of Guinness shares towards the end of the battle for Distillers might now be heartily relieved to see the share price above 350p, so that they would be able to close their positions cleanly. But, for the time being, the origin and motivation of these moves must be added to a long list of items hopefully to be cleared up at a later stage.

Big Bang helps to limit expected fall in leasing

By Teresa Poole

Leasing activity in Britain last year held up better than expected with a significant rise in leasing to the banking, finance and insurance sector in the run-up to Big Bang, according to figures published yesterday.

The Equipment Leasing Association's 72 member companies leased £5,182 million of plant and equipment last year, compared with £5,757 million in 1985. The association had expected a fall to below £4 billion, due to tax changes in the 1984 Budget which encouraged industrial investment before April 1986.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Fun and games across the software frontiers

The Pan European games show Jeux Sans Frontières was resurrected last week in Luxembourg with 10 competing computers jumping through hoops.

The event was to show that different types of computer could, in fact, be put through the same hoop by the application of international standards. This was described by the organizer, the X/Open group, as computing without frontiers.

The chairman of the group, ICL's Geoff Morris, said: "Computing without frontiers will help create a European economy without frontiers. It is a collection of seven European and four US computer-makers, rivals aiming to establish common ground on their 11 different types of computer."

It would have taken the late Eddie Waring to do justice to the event. The theme running through it was a demonstration, involving one program and 10 computers. Equipped with the X/Open

group's added ingredient, the highly individual computers all did the same work. Michael Rodd introduced a string of presentations to explain the significance of this.

In the absence of standards, the 10 computers would have

STANDARDS

From David Guest in Luxembourg

needed 10 different versions of the programme. Similarly, every other programme they use would have to be adapted for their idiosyncrasies.

This, said Mr Rodd, creates three problems for users of several computers: the cost of duplication of effort, the fact that continuity cannot be guaranteed on any one system and the difficulty of converting to a new, more sensible arrangement.

The group's work aims to overcome all three. It takes the Unix operating system as its common factor - Unix is not

overwhelmingly popular commercially, but the group expects it to become so, and the members are basing their standard on it. The EEC, which hosted last week's event, also supports Unix.

The group's aim for a common standard still has ground to cover. It does not yet tackle such important computing matters as networking or graphics. Nor does it have the world's leading supplier, IBM, in its ranks - the members are Bull, Ericsson, ICL, Nixdorf, Olivetti, Philips, Siemens, AT&T, DEC, Hewlett Packard and Unisys.

It also has to overcome computer users' apparent reluctance to buy Unix in large numbers. On one of the asinine videos that interrupted the demonstration last week, an American declared: "We want to internationalize Unix."

This sloppy use of language does not quite conceal an equally doubtful idea

Progress on the British problem

While Europe is still struggling to agree a research budget for science and technology projects there has at least been some movement on British attempts to solve its thorniest high technology problems.

EEC ministers still can't agree on the budget for a five year research programme - largely aimed at the fields of computer and communications technology - in a continuing attempt to catch up with Japan and the United States.

Britain, West Germany and France - the three largest of the 12 member states - are seen by the others as the major stumbling blocks unwilling to sanction an original budget of nearly £6 billion up to 1991 or a compromise suggestion for £4.2 billion.

The most they want to spend is £3 billion. The vice-premier of Belgium, Guy Verhofstadt, who chaired a meeting last Tuesday to iron out the differences, said: "National priorities still seem to take precedence over the community funding of such programmes." Talks are to continue this month.

But British preoccupations are also with the chronic shortage of skilled staff for computing and high technology, that so far show only signs of worsening in the future.

Last week the Government scheme to set up city technology colleges received a boost from the Hanson Trust which

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

is to provide the £1 million to sponsor a college in Solihull in the West Midlands.

It is the first of twenty planned colleges with the Government asking private business to donate £1 million for each one.

The new colleges, intended for 11 to 18 year-olds, are to provide lessons heavily biased towards science and technology. Lucas Industries are to provide managerial aid for the Solihull college and premises have been made available by the local council.

Also last week the Government announced a loosening of the restrictions on firms running services such as information networks which send data over a communications line.

Such value added services, as they are known, are of particular interest to companies with spare capacity on their networks many of which will now be able to sell it on to other companies.

Companies with a turnover of less than £50 million per year and less than £1 million from communications will be able to sell value added services without any conditions.

Larger operations will have to satisfy Ofel that there is no cross subsidisation and that they use open standards.

British Telecom and Mercury will still need permission from the Government to offer joint services with any company with a turnover more than £1 billion.

But while the Government tries to encourage the information technology industry to expand by liberalization and to help pay for their own future employees training through city technology colleges, there is one harsher alternative to reducing the skills shortage.

It is to make new employees sign contracts agreeing to repay the cost of their training should they move on too quickly.

It is a controversial solution to the problem that companies are reluctant to train in hi-tech skills - and computing in particular - only to see their newly qualified staff poached to a competitor.

Last month the High Court ordered a computer employee of Electronic Data Systems to repay training costs of £4,500 upholding an agreement he made not to leave for two years after completing training. Other companies are now looking at the idea with interest.

Employer who finds young people a good investment

One reason given for the critical skills shortage in information technology is that many companies refuse to take on raw recruits, preferring to poach experienced staff from other companies.

"The good news for people prepared to train recruits is that the capability of the people you get is often much higher, even though they are younger, than if you've been scratching around in the industry getting someone else's staff," said Paul Thompson.

As managing director of a Sheffield-based systems company, Sanderson Computers, he has launched his own training scheme for young people who want to become analysts and programmers. The results behind the move, he says, are a desire to offer



Paul Thompson: launched his own training scheme for young people who want to become analysts and programmers

RECRUITMENT

By Pat Sweet

employment prospects to local youth and a concern about falling standards.

"Too many companies poach staff from the competition," he said. "It is incumbent on the whole industry to train people so that there is more skill available. Unfortunately the industry is populated by a lot of people who are not properly trained and have no proper skills."

Sanderson, which specializes in production-control systems developed using the Pick operating system, has tripled its workforce in the last two years to about 70.

A small advertisement in the local paper for trainees last year produced 160 applicants from which six were selected to undergo a two year training period, with a mixture of on-the-job experience and courses at Sanderson's own training centre.

Applicants usually have ei-

ther A-levels or a B/Tec

computing qualification before starting and, providing they complete the course successfully, they stay on the payroll and progress through the company. They are also eligible to join another of Mr Thompson's schemes, which he started last September: an executive plan for software developers which pays them a commission relating to their program's future sales.

Programmers who work on a package which sells well could be reaping the rewards for several years to follow but so far the scheme is in its infancy.

Mr Thompson reckons it costs around £7,000 to train each applicant, but has been pleased with the standard of the first batch of trainees and is looking for six more apprentices this year.

Sanderson's initiative has the backing of the Computing Services Industry Training Council (Cosit), which is financially supported by the Manpower Services Commission and has been running

recruitment and training programmes in the computing services sector for the last four years.

Cosit's director, Gordon Ewan, believes Sanderson is one of a number of companies which challenge conventional thinking about training.

He said: "There is this myth that companies spend only 0.5 per cent of their revenues on training and that only large companies run training courses. This is simply not true in our sector. In a survey we did recently of the top software and systems houses they were spending 3 per cent of their revenues on training."

"The problem is not that companies aren't making the initial investment or that their training isn't good enough. It is that not enough companies are doing it."

This opens the way for companies to poach staff who have been expensively trained at someone else's expense and has provoked calls for a transfer fee system whereby the training company would get some repayment.

Giant show opens in Germany

By Frank Brown

Tomorrow the world's largest annual information technology exhibition starts in Hannover, West Germany: the CeBIT Fair. More than 2,200 firms from 35 countries will present their products, systems and know-how in 12 separate exhibition halls totalling more than three million square feet of exhibition space. The organizers claim the show is the world's only complete inter-related display of office information and telecommunications technologies.

Microcomputers, personal computers, networks, software, banking systems, office and organization technology, computer-aided tech-

niques for design and manufacturing, plus a broad spectrum of research and development, will all be on show. The eight-day event is expected to attract more than 350,000 visitors.

Emphasis on this year's event will be on telecommunications, with exhibitors in three halls demonstrating the range of possibilities for networking computers, office equipment and telecommunication systems. In the banking hall firms will display new electronic systems and services.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

A beefier big Mac with extras

By Geoff Wheelwright

Apple Computer surprised the personal computer industry yesterday with the release of two new desktop computers in its Macintosh range.

The Macintosh SE – a faster, beefed-up version of the company's existing Macintosh II – was announced with the Macintosh II.

This is a much larger machine with room for perforated circuit boards – generally known as expansion cards – which allow a range of options to be added.

A new Macintosh computer has been expected from Apple for some time but few were expecting the company to launch two new machines at the same time. But it is not hard to see why Apple has done so.

The launching of the Macintosh SE is obviously a move to answer some of the criticism levelled at the existing Macintosh range and better to integrate it in the more flexible computing environment that Apple is working towards.

Thus the £2400 SE machine will come equipped with two floppy disc drives internally, one megabyte of computer RAM memory, with room for more, and a choice of computer keyboards.

It will not, however, replace the company's existing Macintosh 512K and Macintosh Plus computers – although Apple does admit that sales of the former machine are soon likely to become such a small share of the Mac market that they may be discontinued.

But in the long term, it is the Macintosh II – or Open Mac, as it was dubbed during the long development phase for this machine – that Apple hopes will really make a difference.

In the Macintosh II, which starts at £4,000, there is a new Motorola 68020 processor, room for hard-disc storage devices, lots of memory and display options (including colour, an option not offered on Apple's Macintosh machines before now). Apple now has a machine which can effectively compete with the

new breed of IBM-compatible computers based on Intel's 80386 processor.

Unlike the 386-based computers from Compaq, Zenith, and that expected from IBM, Apple's new Mac will not have to wait for a new operating system before it can be used to full capacity.

The Macintosh II will handle more than 100 megabytes of memory – while the ageing IBM personal computer's operating system is still limited to 640K – has hard-disc storage of more than 40 megabytes and can use a special "co-processor" card that allows it to run computer software written for the IBM machine.

Despite the obvious power of the Macintosh II and the competitive position it could occupy against the new breed of 386-based IBM personal computer clones, Apple does not yet see the machine as its mainstream desktop business computer.

It will not be sold until July though the SE will go on sale later this month.

Would-be millionaires line up for services jobs

JOBSCE

By Eddie Coulter

The recent sale of BIS Applied Systems to the American communications company Nymex turned a few of its top shareholders into millionaires and left a number of staff – not all in senior positions – substantially better off financially. It is a pattern seen quite often in computing services companies.

It is estimated that just over 10 per cent of the half a million people employed in computing in Britain today are working in computing services. Of the estimated 50,000 to 60,000 personnel involved in that sector the 266 member companies of the Computing Services Association (CSA) account for some 40,000 staff.

With a 1985-1986 revenue of £14,484 million among CSA members and an average turnover per employee of £37,000 a year, it is not surprising that computing services has become a sought-after employment area in the industry.

Salaries are higher than average in the services sector and the earnings potential is, without doubt, better than any other area of computing, except, perhaps, that of the City, to which there was a migration of experienced computing services staff last year.

Average staff increase of CSA companies grew by just over 11 per cent last year but the majority of those firms still report that they are failing to recruit the skilled staff that they require.

Of the services staff in Britain some 20 per cent are estimated to earn more than £30,000 a year, and many of those earn substantially more. It is an area of computing which boasts quite a number of millionaires and still holds the potential for staff to share in substantial profits and equity holdings.

According to CSA director general, Douglas Eycions, the majority of people entering computing services no longer come in sideways from other data processing sectors. "It is unlike the 1970s", he said.

"These days almost 90 per cent of those entering computing services are graduates. CSA member companies will take on some 2,000 graduates



Douglas Eycions: Ninety per cent are graduates

this year and in those firms with 1,000 or more staff at least 10 per cent are now graduates.

"Most of them are ambitious people", says Mr Eycions, "and if they can't climb quickly they usually go on and start their own companies."

Progress is the name of the game in computer services – in fact Doug Eycions believes that you must push to the top early on. "Make it by the time you are 40 or you are on a downer", he emphasizes.

Once you are into the computing services sector it is important to prove your worth in project management. But to get to the top, don't rely solely on technical skills.

"The skills in demand now", says Mr Eycions, "are marketing, as well as finance and administration. If you want to get ahead in computing services get an MBA and study marketing."

One of the few large service companies which does not concentrate so much on graduate intake for its future top management is CMG Computer Management Group.

"Although we have a graduate intake in Holland and even take on a few school leavers and people from TOPS courses, the trend in CMG is to take less junior staff but more senior – level staff with specific technical or business expertise," says CMG director, Tudor Francis.

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As with a number of computing services companies, CMG staff have an opportunity to share in the success of the company through share ownership – an area in which CMG was one of the British pioneers. Seventy five per cent of the company is now in the hands of 73 per cent of the employees.

Quite a number of computing services companies now provide share options for staff as part of their employment package, according to Ian Townsend, general manager of personnel and training at Seicon and chairman of the CSA committee which studies pay and employment in the computing services sector.

"Increasingly companies are including at least one of two additional benefits into their top management employment packages", he said.

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CPRE is one of the country's most effective independent campaigning groups in the conservation field. Its influence has been growing rapidly as a time of major public interest in the countryside and it now faces an exciting future.

A charity, started in 1926, CPRE has 15 national staff, 43 county branches and more than 30,000 members. Through research and public and Parliamentary campaigning, it exerts an important influence on land use and a range of other environmental policies, nationally and locally. The new Director will be expected to extend and reinforce its effectiveness, whilst strengthening its financial, marketing and membership base.

The Director will need a proven commitment to CPRE's aims and approach. He or she is likely to be a graduate, probably 35-50, who has already achieved significant public effectiveness, perhaps from a promotional or marketing background. Familiarity with CPRE's specific policy concerns will be helpful, but less important than proven sound judgement, energy, creativity, flexibility, communication abilities and leadership.

Salary: negotiable, upwards of £20,000.

For details and application form write or phone to CPRE, 4 Hobart Place, London, SW1W 0HY, tel. 01 235 9481.

Closing date for applications: 23 March 1987.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Therefore it is essential that your general management and analytical skills are based on a firm foundation of high performance in a financial environment. Additionally, experience in at least one other area is essential, i.e. business or service planning, personnel, administration, analysis or consultancy.

Based in Carlisle, this post offers all the amenities of town and rural life including economical housing in one of Britain's most beautiful counties.

Further details and application form from Mr. John Fletcher, Director of Social Services, 3 Victoria Place, Carlisle - CA1 1EH. Tel: 0220 29456.

Closing date for applications: 13th March, 1987.

Cumbria

HORIZONS

A guide to
career opportunitiesOn probation: It's more than
just looking after a 'client'

Probation officers are
not only involved
with people who break
the law. They also
help victims of crime
and generally act as
friendly social workers,
as Beryl Dixon reports

working with the courts, supervision in the community (in theory any adult may be placed on probation unless the offence is one punishable only by a life sentence), and support and conciliation work, the average week is not based on set hours. Evening and some Saturday work is necessary.

There is no such thing as a typical week. "The only fixed things in my diary," says one probation officer, "are the report centre and court duties."

Most officers spend at least one day a week from 9.0 to 7.0 on reporting; ie, seeing clients at the office, or spreading the equivalent number of hours through the week. Clients are required to report regularly but under conditions of strict confidentiality.

If they have chosen to conceal their offence from their employers or even from their immediate families, a probation officer may arrange to see them outside normal working hours.

Social-inquiry reports take a further slice of time. Officers present a full picture of the offender to help the court decide what action to take - not to prejudice the decision in any way.

An officer said: "You sometimes hear a person say, 'this report got me five years.' I feel like saying: 'So the four burglaries had nothing to do with it?'"

At least one officer from the local office is in attendance throughout the court sittings, as court duty officer, taking a note of the proceedings and presenting reports.

Many try to be there when one of their clients is appearing. Some home visiting must be fitted in, and matrimonial work is also time-consuming. "That is really about trying to help the parties reach a decision about the future of the children."

Sometimes a judge or registrar calls for a welfare report which means that will be in addition to working with parents and children, talking to teachers and health visitors. Time too is needed for team meetings, liaison with other professionals and in-service training.

Officers may have to
act as welfare officers

Few of us perhaps realized that probation officers help victims of crime, may be seconded as welfare officers to prisons, run day centres or hostels, organise community service, and in civil work prepare reports for and sometimes supervise children on behalf of the divorce courts in respect of disputes relating to custody and access.

The Probation and Aftercare Service in England and Wales is administered through 36 area services, in Scotland by the local authority social work departments and in Northern Ireland by a probation board.

A local probation office, depending on the size of the area it covers, has one or more teams of probation officers, headed by a senior, and with several trained officers, and possibly one or more ancillary workers and a student on placement.

The senior is responsible for deciding caseloads, types of work to be undertaken, and allocation of "clients" to officers, always taking into account the personalities and skills of the team. Given that the office is charged with

The remaining duty of probation officers is to second officers to work in prisons - a relatively recent development.

In 1966 the former prison welfare officers were integrated with the Probation and Aftercare Service. Nowadays probation officers are seconded for a minimum of two years, and "have the right to return to an outside probation office at the end of their period of secondment."

All seconded officers feel at first that staff and prisoners alike are watching like hawks to see whether the new arrival is likely to prove a soft touch.

Says one probation officer, now returned to the outside service: "The prisoners call the shots, by deciding if they want to see you in respect of personal as opposed to official matters."

Duties in prisons range from the counselling and "throughcare" of inmates to planning ahead for their release, to the occasional amazing request to break the news to an offender's family that he is actually in prison. Such is human nature that they can turn up in court hoping that the worst will not happen!

Probation officers hold the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work awarded by the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, having attended a course with an approved probation content.

Many study with
the aid of a grant


The CQSW may be obtained in different ways. One year courses are held for graduates with relevant social studies degrees, two year ones for graduates in other subjects.

There are two types of course for non-graduates: a two-year one normally requiring A-levels and with a minimum age of 20 (although in practice most candidates are older), and lastly there is a two-year course for mature students with relevant experience.

Backgrounds of students vary and the service stresses that probation officers come from all walks of life and ethnic origins: some having transferred from work in social services, others looking to probation work as a second career.

Many do the course with the aid of a local authority grant, but others are seconded by probation committees. The Home Office sponsors approximately 300 a year on a trainee salary basis.

Further information: Area Probation Offices or from The Probation Service Division, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London.



Isle of Man

The House of Keys is the elected Branch of Tynwald, the Parliament of the Isle of Man, which was established over 1,000 years ago.

Applications are invited from persons with appropriate qualifications for appointment to the office of Secretary of the House of Keys and Clerk of Tynwald.

Preference will be given to persons with suitable parliamentary or legal experience and particular attention will be given to an applicant's knowledge of parliamentary practice and procedure, with special reference to the Manx system of government.

The duties attaching to the post embrace secretarial work in connection with the House of Keys and Tynwald, together with committees thereof, and general advice to members on all legislative business. The organisation of the annual open air sitting of Tynwald at St. John's is also a responsibility of the office and a feeling for ceremonial would be an advantage.

The Isle of Man has always played an active role in the affairs of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. In 1964 becoming the smallest nation to host the Association's Annual Conference. The Clerk of Tynwald acts as secretary to the Isle of Man Branch of the Association.

The remuneration package for the successful candidate will reflect the importance of the position and will be negotiable but the salary is likely to be not less than £22,000 per annum and will include a non-contributory pension; the post is held at the pleasure of the House.

Applications in writing, including curricula vitae and the names of two referees, should be sent to me to arrive not later than 26th March, 1987.

R.B.M. QUAYLE
Clerk of Tynwald and
Secretary of the House of Keys

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Douglas
Isle of Man

COUNTY OF AVON

Avon County Council is one of the region's major employers employing some 35,000 people in a wide variety of occupations. We serve a population of 942,000 and our revenue budget for 1987/88 will be around £400,000,000. Our headquarters are situated in Bristol and the County itself is located in a very attractive part of the country. There is easy access to the countryside and the area offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities.

The Council has recently established a Corporate Performance Review Unit (CPRU) in the Chief Executive's Department and is seeking to appoint to the following key posts which will form the core of the Team responsible for developing and achieving the Council's overall objectives:

Chief Performance Review Officer

PO (14-17) £16,776 - £17,916 (Ref. No. CCE/13020/72)

The successful applicant will be expected to exercise considerable initiative and will be responsible to the Assistant to the Chief Executive for directing, planning and programming the work of the CPRU. In particular for:-

- Co-ordinating long range strategic planning activities
- Developing and agreeing objectives and targets with service departments
- Reviewing budget submissions and progress in relation to objectives
- Carrying out any special analyses that may be required

Candidates must hold a relevant degree or professional qualification and have extensive experience of carrying out and controlling performance review projects, preferably in a corporate context.

Senior Performance Review Officer

PO (6-9) £13,653 - £14,862 (Ref. No. CCE/13021/72)

The holder of this post will assist the Chief Performance Review Officer and will be actively engaged in projects concerning the review, investigation and analysis of Council policy, objectives and services. Candidates must be prepared to exercise initiative and hold a relevant degree of professional qualification, preferably also having experience of carrying out performance review or similar projects. Apart from the salary ranges mentioned above the posts will carry a comprehensive conditions of service package which includes a substantial relocation allowance in appropriate cases.

Application by form only, available with further details from the Director of Personnel Services, P.O. Box 278, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol BS1 5BS (Assess on the number after office hours). Please quote appropriate reference when asking for forms which must be returned by 23 March 1987.

Chief Executive's Department

Avon as an Equal Opportunity employer considers applicants on their suitability for the post, regardless of sex, race, disability or sexual orientation.

Avon

COUNTY COUNCIL

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

seeks

MEDICAL SPOKESMAN

to generate public interest in the research, educational and other activities and achievements of the British Heart Foundation.

The appointee, who should be medically qualified, will be required to:

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2. Be effective both in writing and on the radio and television.
3. Liaise with the Public Relations agency, the Press office and with the media.
4. Respond to written and telephoned questions from the public in a knowledgeable and sympathetic manner.
5. Attend committee meetings.

The appointment is for five sessions a week, with availability for media contact at other times.

Payment will be on a sessional basis, at an appropriate point of the NHS Consultant scale.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to the Secretary, British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

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Application form and further details from the County Architect, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1SW. Tel: Lewes (0273) 475400 ext 663.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

COUNTY CIVIL PROTECTION OFFICER

£16,011 to £17,160 p.a.

We are looking for someone to replace the present County Emergency Planning Officer, Graeme Bushell, who retires in April. The Emergency Planning Team is located in the Directorate of Planning and Research but you will report to the Planning Committee and the Chief Executive on policy matters.

You will lead a dynamic team responsible for discharging the Council's statutory duties and implementing its "All Hazards" policy. You will be responsible for the preparation and co-ordination of all major contingency plans and associated facilities and for working with a large number of volunteers throughout the County requiring an annual recruitment and training programme. Close liaison is required with other Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Government Departments.

Applicants should have a proven track record in management and preparation of contingency plans. Previous involvement with one of the uniformed services is not a prerequisite but applicants must be good communicators.

For an informal discussion about the post contact Graeme Bushell, tel. Cambridge 317621.

Further written details are available from Ann Foxwell - tel. Cambridge 317622. Letters of application, naming two referees one of whom must be your present or recent employer, and enclosing a c.v., should be sent to the Director of Planning and Research, Side Hall, Cambridge CB2 3AP by 20th March 1987.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Trade Association - Assistant Secretary

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Secretary to the Specialists and Sub-Contractors Directorate of the Building Employers Confederation. The Directorate represents approximately 2,500 members within the Specialists and Sub-Contractors Sector of the BEC either directly or through affiliated Trade Associations.

The person appointed will assist in servicing Councils, Committees and ad hoc Working Parties. Duties will involve preparation of records of meetings, agendas, newsletters, bulletins, circulars, year books, and directories.

The successful candidate, who is likely to be a graduate, might possess, or be studying for CIS qualification. He/she should be career minded with the ability to communicate and get on with people and be able to work as part of a small team providing a service to the members. Experience of trade association work, or a commercial background, would be preferred.

Commencing salary negotiable.

Preferred age range 28-30.

Detailed applications to the Personnel Officer, Building Employers Confederation, 82 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AD

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£14,862 to £16,011

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Applications forms from the Personnel section, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT - extension 383. Please quote Post No.5F. Closing date 16th March 1987.

SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL North Kent's Heritage Borough

Middlesbrough Borough Council

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£10,569 - £12,297

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The postholder will be required to assist the Area Housing Manager in the supervision and co-ordination of the Area Office staff responsible for the allocation of properties, estate management, tenant welfare and rent arrears monitoring/recovery. The post demands a self-motivated and enthusiastic person able to demonstrate wide practical experience of housing functions and managerial skills, together with a flexible attitude to meet changing needs. Your ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing will be crucial. If you wish to discuss the post informally please contact Jean Clower, Middlesbrough (0642) 818306. Previous applicants will automatically be considered and need not re-apply.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from and should be returned to the Chief Housing Officer, 1st Floor, Corporation House, Albert Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, Telephone (0642) 245432, Extension 3876.

Closing date 13 March 1987. It is the policy of Middlesbrough Borough Council to provide equal employment opportunities and consideration will be given to all suitably experienced and qualified applicants regardless of handicap, sex or race.

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Application form and job description from Personnel Section, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1HG (Tel: Sevenoaks 469711 ext. 392). Closing date: 20th March 1987.

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Please send your CV, together with a short covering letter saying how you meet the requirements to:

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Application form and job description available from Miss B. Widing, Personnel Officer, Barnet FPC, FPC House, 313 Bellards Lane, N12 8NQ. Telephone 01-446 5351, Ext. 221.

Closing date for receipt of application forms, 12 March 1987.

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City and District of St Albans

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ATHLETICS

Coghlan reckons he still has a trick or two up his sleeve for Aouita

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, New York

Polite applause masked United States fans' disappointment at Madison Square Garden here last Friday as yet another title went to one of the strong contingents of foreign athletes gearing up for this weekend's world indoor championships in Indianapolis. But when Eamon Coghlan won his third United States mile title — the fifth indoor victory of his career — there was a veritable tumult of stamping and cheering.

It was the same scene a month ago when Coghlan won a record seventh Wanamaker Mile at the Millrose Games. And he does not even have to be running. With New York preparing for the marathon six months ago, Coghlan walked into the bar of a restaurant opposite race headquarters and, within seconds, he was spotted by the headliner and welcomed. Dancers and diners stopped to applaud.

Admittedly, Coghlan has spent a lot of time in America since first arriving in 1971 to take up a scholarship at Villanova in the wake of other famous Irishmen such as John Joe Barry, Ron Delany and Noel Carroll. But, at a Press conference last Wednesday, he stood up to remind the hosts that he was also one of the foreigners they were welcoming to the championships.

"New York, Ireland" riposted one official.

The morning after his race, he admitted, "It's a dilemma. There's more opportunity here. Life is easier. But we miss the simple things like family and home — Yvonne (his wife) especially."

Yet it was Yvonne who sent him back to America when he returned, homesick, to Dublin only three months into his scholarship. "John Hartnett and Donnie Walsh led me to expect a holiday camp, but I just a crucifix on the wall. And

I missed Yvonne. We were young lovers. But she said she wasn't going to be blamed for my failure."

More than 15 years in America have taught Coghlan the value of publicity. An acquaintance observed that the dog that bit him in Dublin at Christmas grew with each telling of the tale. "I got more column inches for that than my 3.49 indoor mile," he admitted.

Simmons leads

Tony Simmons, who finished sixth in the Welsh cross-country championship at Barry on Saturday, has been nominated captain of the Welsh team to compete in the world championships in Warsaw on March 22.

He is the perfect height for indoor running, his low centre of gravity making him stick to the boards like chewing gum to a plank. But the only time his affable demeanour was pierced was when someone suggested (yet again) that he would never be as good outdoors.

"People forget I won the world championship 5,000 metres in Helsinki (in 1983) — and that wasn't 11 laps to the mile," he said.

Noel Carroll, one of his Villanova predecessors, suggested Coghlan retire and "go out in a blaze of glory" after his seventh Wanamaker victory last month. But two fourth places in the Olympic Games, in the 1,500 metres in 1976 and the 5,000 metres in 1980 — he was injured in 1984 — have left him with "a burning ambition."

"You can't be considered a truck and field immortal until you've won an Olympic gold, or even a medal," he said. "There were reasons for those defeats — bad luck in Montreal, the heat in Moscow. I know I'll be 35 in Seoul. But if Yifher and Lopes can win golds in their late 30s, so can I."

To the surprise of many, his attempt will be at 10,000 metres — a distance he also intends to race at the second outdoor world championships in Rome in September. And that will mean facing Said Aouita, the most talented middle and long-distance runner in the world.

"I've got the greatest respect for Aouita," Coghlan said. "I know he's a real contender. But I think it's the right choice for me at 35. I'll have age, maturity and strength, and I think that will play a bigger role than his youth and speed."

"I feel I can beat him. He's still not that much faster than me over a mile, and I know that I can run a 51-second 400 at the end of a 10,000 metres. It would be a nice way to pull the curtain down. But, even if I don't win, I'll know I tried hard. And success isn't necessarily the end result. It's the journey that's important."

The world indoor championships in Indianapolis this weekend seem almost incidental. He was content just to win on Friday in a relatively slow 3min 59.25sec. "I was a little lax," he admitted. "I was confident of winning."

But his world record 2,000 metres of 5min 54.07sec in San Diego the previous week makes him the clear favourite for the 1,500 metres. It will be only a short journey from being prince of the city to king of the world again.

BOXING



Come and get it: Terry Marsh waiting to fight fire with fire (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Marsh is the ringmaster

"The last time that I had a world title bout lined up, I took five weeks' leave to prepare. On the very last shift, we were involved in getting a couple of horses out of a ditch of very cold water. It was cold, wet and stank because it was full of sewage. A couple of days later I was really laid off, being exposed to the wet and cold and my fitness went right out of the window. But we did get the horses out." The contest was cancelled.

Among modern British boxers, Terry Marsh is something of an oddity. On the one hand, there is the discordant disco flash of the Honeyphant school; on the other, there is the caddy folk-style approach — "know what I mean, Arty?" Either way his charisma cuts through the medically-inspired backlash against the sport. Terry Marsh fits into neither category.

What will you do after the bout if you win? "Well, it's my snipper's birthday on Wednesday so I'll be with her. But I've got an early night because my duty shift starts at nine o'clock Thursday morning."

What do you like to do when you're not boxing? "I'd like to take part in a quadrathlon (a 2-mile swim, a marathon run, a 50-kilometre cycle ride and a 20-kilometre walk) and then pick up with my A."

Do you enjoy boxing? "I don't think I'd miss it if it wasn't there. Maybe he just does not fit in. Tomorrow night, Terry Marsh, the fighting fireman, will finally get his chance to

claim glory — stranded horses notwithstanding — against the smartly-named International Boxing Federation light-weight world champion, Joe Louis Manley, in a bout in his home town of Basildon.

Initially nursing pre-fight nerves, Marsh says he was studying Manley's career in a typically self-deprecating light. "I moved up the ratings most when I joined the fire brigade. I had to take six months off through injury and suddenly found myself in the position of fighting for a British title eliminator. It was just a question of outliving a few people and some retiring. The rest is history."

It is not a bad history either. Twenty-four contests, 24 wins. "I've never said that I was going to go for the world championship. If I'd said when I first started, I'm going to be doing this for another five or six years, I'd probably have thought, 'Six years? Can't be bothered with that.'"

But he has bothered. Why? The finance? "It can't be that great financially because I'm still a fireman. So why? I honestly don't know. I think I just like the challenge."

Challenge. That is a word that means something to Marsh. It is the word that inspires his boxing, his fire-fighting, his quadrathlon desire, his early life as a Royal Marine and his insatiable appetite for adventures.

His eyes light up as he relates fire-fighting horror stories. "I

can remember once we were putting out a fire in a small shed. We had done it and were walking around making sure that the thing was completely out when we discovered five Calor gas canisters. If we'd have been a minute later we'd have gone out through the roof."

There is another word that means something to Marsh. "Fear is my great motivator, though I've got to meet another boxer who admits to it. I relate it all to the law of the jungle. Take the lion. He can be hunting and stop and think that he'll miss dinner that day. But the animal he's chasing can't stop because he's fighting for his life. He's got his survival to think of. I fear what my opponent is capable of doing to me and that fear spurs me on."

If Marsh wins tomorrow, he plans to make just one defence of his crown — "Purely for the money, but also to prove that the first one wasn't a fluke" — and then retire.

And if he loses? "Well, I'd like an unbeaten record to someone's virginity. Once you've lost it, it doesn't matter how many times you do it. But if I lose this one, though, I'll have to appeal to the IBF because obviously it'll be through a diabolical decision or just bad judgement on the referee's part..." The sentence faded as

Jeremy Novick

ICE HOCKEY

Bombers off bottom rung

By A Special Correspondent

With only one of the leading six clubs in the Heineken League section over the weekend, attention was focused on the foot of the premier division. Cleveland Bombers moved out of last place, for the first time since the end of November, after their surprising 4-1 victory over St. Louis Red Wings.

While the Canadian forwards, Richard Garneau and Rick Simpson, contributed seven of Cleveland's 12 goals, it was a high-scoring game. Craig Melanson and Brent Hogan, were restricted to just three.

Durham Wasps completed a miserable weekend for the South Londoners, recording the

Premier division's highest score of the season. Nine goals were contributed to Durham's total. Canadians Kevin Conway and Mario Belanger, leading the way with seven and six respectively. A crowd of over 3,000 saw Wasps complete their unbeaten run at home to 23 goals.

Fellow strugglers, Sefton Barrons, failed to respond to Cleveland's third win of the season when they lost away to Walsley Warriors. Only an outstanding performance by their netminder, David Graham, saved them from an even heavier defeat.

In the first division, Peterborough Pirates showed that they have recovered from the shock of dropping their first

two games, with two easy victories north of the border. National Hockey League veteran, Garry Unger, was involved in 14 of their 17 goals against Glasgow Eagles, adding 10 assists to the four he scored himself.

Iain Robertson celebrated his selection for the Great Britain squad for both the world and European junior championships, with four goals and three assists in Kirkcaldy Keestrals' two weekend games.

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OLYMPIC TOUR

A gracious people who add to the Games' mystique

COMMENTARY

David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent



Apia, Western Samoa. The young men in the dancing troupe at Aggie Gray's Hotel, swaying from the hips like their sisters to enchanting South Pacific rhythm as they entertained the visiting International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation, looked as if in slightly different dress, they could have been off an SAS platoon.

The vivacious Mrs Gray, incidentally, who for those with long memories was portrayed as 'Bloody Mary' by Rodgers and Hammerstein in their musical *South Pacific*, is now in her nineties and was still singing and dancing with her troupe until a recent stroke restricted her.

The Samoan people, with 5,000 years of civilisation and said to be the cradle of the Polynesian Islands race before the arrival of the South American Incas, produce some remarkable athletes without the support of much in the way of technical expertise. They have the perfect physique for boxing, wrestling, weightlifting and the back row of a rugby scrum.

Paul Wallwork, the president of their Olympic Committee, who was educated at the University of New South Wales and was good enough to have represented Australia at the Olympic Games in 1972, was unable to go to Munich because at that time Western Samoa had no Olympic Committee. They were admitted four years ago.

They bring to sport a strange combination of graciousness and stubbornness. When Fiji received 30

seconds coverage on American television during the 1984 Olympic Games opening ceremony, and then the march-past of Western Samoa, the Solomon Islands and Tonga were blanked out to accommodate advertising slots, the Minister of Sport threatened to take home the Western Samoan team in disgust.

And when, as South Pacific champions, they were not invited to the rugby union World Cup, which takes place this summer, they seriously considered switching to Rugby League in protest.

I am no student of Southern Pacific rugby, yet it must be a reasonable bet that if a joint team were selected from all the islands, including Fiji, and were trained for a week or two by a knowledgeable coach they would defeat at least a couple of countries from the supposed major powers of the Five Nations championship. There is the feeling, at least down in this part of the world, that the International Rugby Board makes no real attempt to spread and democratise their minority sport.

Being a speck on the ocean does, however, make life difficult, not least in communications. There is a tendency for international sports federations to think they know what would be good for development in the island, when the islanders themselves have a far better idea.

An illustration of this was the swimming delegation sent to Western Samoa not long ago, by Australia under the aegis of the Olympic Solidarity Fund.

It was only when the Australian contingent had arrived here that they discovered Western Samoa does not have, never mind a pool of Olympic specification, any swimming pool at all. Just a lagoon inside the reef. Somebody somewhere should have

known better: this is the only country to have staged a South Pacific Games, in 1983, without a swimming competition.

Since that blunder, it is now a condition of all Solidarity Fund courses for individual sports that the request must come in the first place from a national Olympic committee.

Western Samoa is a good example of a tiny country knowing what it needs in its own best interest. When China, which has one of only three embassies here, offered the same sporting assistance which they have provided in 20 or so African states, the Samoans asked for a large multiple stadium, constructed for \$3 million, including two rugby or football pitches, with a horse-racing track round the outside, and only a small grandstand.

The Samoans retain a tribal wisdom. Before leaving Apia, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, went to visit His Royal Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II, who has been Head of State for life since independence was granted in 1962. Did Western Samoa have direct diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Mr Samaranch asked, being himself a former ambassador in Moscow. After a long pause, the aged chief shook his head. "We don't know how to talk to the Russians," he said.

The superstition in the South Pacific is said to be that hurricanes only strike those islands which have dealings with the nuclear powers.

The old chief, saying goodbye, accepted from Mr Samaranch a small gift bearing the symbol of Olympic rings. Exchanging gifts is fundamental to Samoan culture. "We must prepare a good meal for Seoul," the old man said. And then added wryly: "To see if we can collect some more gifts."

It is remote, unheralded people such as this who help create the continuing mystique of the Olympic Games.

Hurricanes and nuclear powers

Relations with the Soviet Union. Mr Samaranch asked, being himself a former ambassador in Moscow. After a long pause, the aged chief shook his head. "We don't know how to talk to the Russians," he said.

The superstition in the South Pacific is said to be that hurricanes only strike those islands which have dealings with the nuclear powers.

The old chief, saying goodbye, accepted from Mr Samaranch a small gift bearing the symbol of Olympic rings. Exchanging gifts is fundamental to Samoan culture. "We must prepare a good meal for Seoul," the old man said. And then added wryly: "To see if we can collect some more gifts."

It is remote, unheralded people such as this who help create the continuing mystique of the Olympic Games.

MOTOR RACING

Three-pronged attack by Ford Cosworth

By John Blundell

The Ford Motor Company and Cosworth Engineering have confirmed a three-pronged attack on engine development programme as part of a wide-ranging collaboration directed at the design and development of a new generation of high-performance Ford cars and engines.

When the world championship season opens with the Brazilian Grand Prix on April 12 Ford's main challenge will be directed through the Benetton team, which has a fair trial under the aegis of the Cosworth-built and developed 1.5-litre turbo V6 engines for this and the 1988 seasons.

However, a new 3.5-litre, normally aspirated DFZ version of the successful Ford 3-litre DFV engine will be used by the Benetton team, Larrousse, Camel and Leyton House March teams from the beginning of the season and later in

the year by a new Italian-based team.

The third prong of the Ford-Cosworth attack will not be seen until towards the end of 1988, when a new Ford Cosworth, normally aspirated engine, for Benetton's exclusive use during 1989, should be ready for its initial trials.

The configuration and specification of this engine has yet to be established and it will be interesting to see whether Keith Duckworth and his design team opt for 12 cylinders — the maximum allowed under the latest Formula One regulations — or whether, as in the past, they elect to take on and beat the 12-cylinder opposition with a compact, lightweight and highly efficient V8.

The initial power target for the new 3.5-litre engine will be 650bhp, compared with a little over 500bhp which is expected from the current DFZ engine by mid-season.

VOLLEYBALL

English get psyched up

By A Correspondent

England's men's squad will enlist the help of a sports psychologist to get them in the right frame of mind for next month's Western European championships in Switzerland. Saba Medonis, England's new Czechoslovakian-born coach, said yesterday that John Syer, a former Scottish national coach, will help his squad with their mental preparation for the championships, which begin on April 12.

"It will be the first time that an English squad will be working on their mental approach to the game but I believe that players do not win matches only through physical preparation," Medonis said. "John will not, however, be travelling with us to Switzerland, although I would hope that in future years the possibility of taking him would be considered."

Medonis had a squad together at the end of December

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While the loss of time ordered by the Court of Appeal was not treated under domestic law as part of the applicants' sentences as such, it did form part of the period of detention which resulted from the overall sentencing procedure that followed conviction.

As a matter of English law, a sentence of imprisonment passed by a crown court was to be served subject to any order which the Court of Appeal could, in the event of an unsuccessful application for leave to appeal, make as to loss of time. Section 29(1) of the 1968 Act was couched in rather wide and flexible terms.

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After reviewing the relevant procedure, the court came to the conclusion that that condition had been satisfied. The court referred in particular to the following factors:

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European Law Report

Loss-of-time order on unmeritorious appeal not a breach of human rights

Monnell and Morris v United Kingdom
Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges Thor Vilhjelmsson, L. E. Pettit, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald, J. Gersing and A. Spielmann
Registrar M.-A. Eissen
(Case No 7/1985/93/140-141)
Judgment March 2

Neither the right to liberty under article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights nor the right to a fair trial under article 6 of the Convention were violated when an English Court of Appeal ordered that time spent in custody by a convicted prisoner pending determination of his "hopeless" application for leave to appeal should not count towards his sentence. "Every-one has the right to liberty and security of person. No one shall be deprived of his liberty save in the following cases and in accordance with a procedure prescribed by law: (a) the lawful detention of a person after conviction by a competent court."

Article 6 provides: "1. In the determination... of any criminal charge against him, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law."

"3. Everyone charged with a criminal offence has the following minimum rights: ... (c) to defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing or, if he has not sufficient means to pay for legal assistance, to be given it free when the interests of justice so require."

After being convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for criminal offences, both applicants persisted in "hopeless" applications for leave to appeal. In each instance, the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal ordered that time spent in custody by the applicant pending for leave to appeal should not count towards the period of the sentence.

and 6 and article 14 (prohibition of discrimination in the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms guaranteed).

In its report adopted on March 11, 1985, the European Commission of Human Rights expressed the opinion that there had been a breach of article 5 (ten votes to one) and article 6 (nine votes to two), but that it was not necessary to examine separately whether there had been a breach of article 14 taken in conjunction with article 5 (unanimously) or with article 6 (seven votes to four).

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held: A Alleged breach of article 5(1). The principal issue for decision was whether the periods of detention in question were undergone "after conviction by a competent court," within the meaning of sub-paragraph (a) of article 5(1).

There could be no doubt as to each applicant having been the subject of a "conviction by a competent court."

As established in the case law of the court, the word "after" in sub-paragraph (a) did not simply mean that the detention should follow the "conviction" in point of time; in addition, the detention should result from, follow and depend upon or occur by virtue of the "conviction". In short, there should be a sufficient connection between the conviction and the deprivation of liberty at issue.

In the court's view, a direction for loss of time could not be qualified simply as a decision laying down the manner of execution of the original court order by a competent court, since it effectively imposed a period of imprisonment in addition to that which would result from the sentence.

The relevant additional period of deprivation of liberty was imposed by the Court of Appeal on Mr Monnell and Mr Morris for reasons unconnected with the facts of the offence or with the character of the criminal record of the offender, that is to say, with the elements on which the conviction and sentence at first in-

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RACING: CHAMPION JOCKEY ACKNOWLEDGES ERROR OF JUDGEMENT ON HIGH KNOW IN SATURDAY'S PLACEPOT HURDLE

Mick's Star can show his liking for fences with Nottingham win

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Mick's Star, carrying the popular colours of Lord Belper, a local steward and landowner, is named to win the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase (qualifier) at Nottingham today.

A winner already on the course, albeit over hurdles, Mick's Star has taken well to jumping fences this season as anyone who looked at him in the flesh would expect. For he is the epitome of a chaser.

Following a sighting behind Dan The Miller on the course at the beginning of December, Mick's Star was then runner-up to those two talented horses, Against The Grain and Alkepa. In view of that consistent record, a victory at Wetherby over the useful Whats What early in February did not exactly come out of turn.

Now, even though the distance of 2½ miles is a fraction on the short side for Mick's Star, who has done all his winning over three miles, I still think that he should prove too good for Bowden, Tormore Green and the disappointing April Prince.

Having once trained Trouvere, Jenny Pitman is in a better position than most to judge whether Croix De Guerre can beat that horse in the Sherwood Handicap. Yet many handbooks have given the fact that she has let her horse take his chance speaks for itself.

Since leaving her yard, Trouvere has won over fences and hurdles this season for Dai Burchell, whose Staffordshire stable struck form with a vengeance at Southwell last Friday when they had a treble.

However, Trouvere had a very heavy fall in his last race and his confidence could easily have been affected.

David Nicholson's decision to drop King's Crusade to class and run him in the Junior Selling Hurdle looks significant.

Unplaced behind Framlington Court at Warwick last time and behind High Knowl before that at Cheltenham, my selection has clearly been out of his depth since showing sufficient ability in the autumn to suggest that a much more modest prize such as this should come his way.

Otherwise it could easily pay to follow the fortunes of Peter Starwood's Upper Lambourn stable up and down the country this afternoon.

At Nottingham I expect his useful hunter, Beamswam, to register his fourth success on the course in the 17th-21st Lancers Challenge Cup in the hands of his owner, David Naylor-Leyland, who rode a double at Tweseldown on Saturday.

Meanwhile at Plumpton, his stable companions,



Burrough Hill Lad (left) and Earls Brig, seen here contesting the 1985 King George VI Chase, could meet again for the first time since that race in Saturday's Greenall Whitley Handicap Chase at Haydock Park

Competition winners
Six readers of The Times have won a luxury visit to one of racing's great occasions - the Tote Gold Cup day at Cheltenham's National Hunt Festival on March 19. The entries were drawn from the correct solutions submitted to The Times-Tote competition.

The winners will each take a companion to London for an overnight stay at the Churchill Hotel and then on to Cheltenham for the races.

WINNERS: Mr N.A. Thorne, Barrow Lane, Chesham, Herts; Mr Philip Morton, Valley Road, Longridge, Preston, Lancs; Ray Hickbottom, Mansel Close, Eastwood, Notts; Mr Scott M. Finley, Plantford Close, Rickmansworth, Herts; Mr Don Cameron, Westcliffe Farm Road, London SE13; Mr Edmund Grimshaw, Morston Park, Whitley, nr Blackburn, Lancs.

Pitman has choice of engagements for Burrough Hill Lad

By Christopher Goulding

Jenny Pitman is keeping every avenue open in her attempt to get Burrough Hill Lad fit for the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 16 days' time.

The 1984 Gold Cup winner has not run since leading the Gainsborough Chase at Sandown 13 months ago but Mrs Pitman has a choice of five engagements for the 11-year-old in the next week.

He is entered at Haydock, Hereford and Market Rasen on Saturday, Windsor on Monday and Warwick a week today. The Windsor race appears the least likely objective as he has been sent to carry 14st 8lb.

At Haydock, Burrough Hill Lad is set to give his stable companion, Stearby, also a Gold Cup hopeful, 11lb in the Greenall Whitley Handicap Chase. The top weight, Stearby, will be ridden by the 11-year-old, Burrough Hill Lad.

Gold Cup contenders who are expected to line up at Haydock include The Thinker, Combs Ditch and Earls Brig.

Nicky Henderson reouted his Cheltenham and National Hunt contenders from a planned gallop at Kempton Park on Sunday to Peter Walwyn's gallops at Lambourn. Henderson expressed himself pleased with his Champion Hurdle hopes. See You Then and River Carrio.

Scudamore admits Kempton mistake

By Alan Lee

The pressures of a champion weighed heavily on Peter Scudamore last night as he relived a weekend of rare defeat.

Scudamore was pilloried by public and press after being caught and beaten on the front-running Triumph Hurdle favourite, High Knowl, in Saturday's Tote Placepot Hurdle at Kempton.

Yesterday, he pleaded guilty. "I was over-confident and got caught out," he said. "There is no doubt in my mind that I should have won. I made a mistake and I know it looked bad. I've taken some flak for it and I'm in no position to complain."

There is no escape from scrutiny when you are champion. The higher you climb the harder you fall - and although it hurts at the time it's the price you have to pay.

Scudamore, who also partially blamed himself for a last fence fall on Alkepa at Kempton on Friday, admits he drove home from the weekend programme "feeling pretty depressed".

"My wife had forgotten to video High Knowl's race and for the first time ever I thanked her for the oversight."

But although every bit as contrived as ever, Scudamore has a broader outlook these days and by yesterday, optimism had returned. "It was just the end of a very mixed week. Since I came back from suspension I've been faced with excessive use of the whip on a winner, ridden on odds-on, fallen at the last on a favourite and now I've been beaten on High Knowl."

"The headlines have followed me around but maybe it's true that no publicity is good publicity. I still a lot to look forward to - I think High Knowl can win the Triumph. If that is the target chosen for him."

Last season I won the title with winners. I've already ridden 80 this time so I've got to be pleased. My main targets are to top the 100 mark and retain the championship. Saturday has just reminded me that I will make a few mistakes along the way."

Successful day for old hands

Point-to-point by Brian Reid

The proven hunter chasers Whiggle Geo, now a 15-year-old, and Umpire, 13, were in form at the Sturminster point-to-point on Saturday.

Whiggle Geo's win in the men's open was particularly courageous as, having led from halfway, he looked to be out of the running on Robin Task took up the running on Bless 'Em All.

However, Whiggle Geo rallied well under jockey Nitty Turley to lead again at the last. Turley earlier won the adjacent on Bally Way.

Robert Gardiner, who rode eight winners last year, was confined to hospital after a crushing fall on Ballyard Slipper in the North Norfolk open. This race marked the return to form of City Boy.

At the West Shropshire, two former National Hunt horses made a winning point-to-point debut with Skewsky taking the adjacent for Stephanie Baxter, who later also won the race on Pennycuza, and Kintbury landing the open for Steven Brookshaw.

Sweet Diana won the "Bridesmaid ladies" race with Jill Grimmer up, and Cliff Dawkins must now decide whether to send his mare hunter chasing or endeavour to retain the Grand Mariner Trophy.

Alison Dore's successful run came to an end at the Mendip Farmers. Having won on Fennelly in the adjacent, making it four wins in succession this season, she was only third on Kibera Boy behind Celia Beauty and Scottish Sound in the ladies' race.

Random Leg found one too good for him in Brown Peril in the ladies' race. The North Herefordshire but the proud owner here was John Dyson, whose recently-acquired Sassa Drake, ridden by his stepson, Mike Harris, got up on the line to win the maiden.

Brunico beaten but may still go for Champion

Brunico was taken out of the Champion Hurdle betting by William Hill after finishing a well-beaten fourth behind Bel Course in the Princess Royal Handicap Hurdle at Doncaster yesterday.

Sixth favourite in ante-post lists for the hurdling title before yesterday's race, Brunico has every chance on the turn but then began to bang left in the hands of Graham McCourt and faded to be beaten 16½ lengths by the 11-year-old.

Rod Simpson, Brunico's trainer, was clearly shaken by the result and said: "This does not mean Brunico does not go for the Champion Hurdle but we will have to sit on the fence and see what happens."

Bel Course, representing Mercy Rineell's stable, was always up with the leaders and now tackles the County Hurdle at Cheltenham if the going is good.

Ibn Majed, eight-length winner of the Balmoral Hurdle, misses Cheltenham and instead returns to Doncaster for the first day of the Flat season on March 26.

Favoured by the conditions of yesterday's race, Ibn Majed started at 4-1 on but had to struggle under pressure to contest the Great Glen Novices' Chase in which only seven of the 19 runners completed the course. The winner was a chance money for Simon McNeill as Jimmy Duggan, who was booked to ride, did not arrive in time.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Doncaster

Going good to soft

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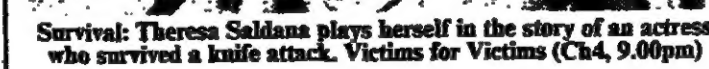
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Danny (Robbie Coltrane, right) takes over on The Majestics' tour. Tutti Frutti (BBC1, 9.30pm)

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
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"I would have thought Fulham wouldn't have been in the position they are in now if they had really marketed themselves. The community has got to be involved."